



2020-21 Maryland Counseling Association Emerging Leaders Program

The MCA Emerging Leaders Program was designed to provide graduate counseling students, new professionals, and experienced professionals with cultivating experiences that support leadership skill and competency development, and diverse opportunities to actively participate in MCA Executive Board meetings, serve on a committee, task force, and/or engage in projects of interest, receive mentorship, build professional networks, and gain exposure to the responsibilities associated with fulfilling elected leadership positions.

Up to 12 individuals will be selected from the following applicant categories to participate in this program:

- graduate counseling students (master's or doctoral)
- new professionals (within one-year post graduation), and
- experienced professionals (graduated before 2019).

MCA Emerging Leaders will provide a minimum of 30 hours of service to MCA during the 2020-2021 fiscal year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021). Recipients must be an MCA member at the time of application submission, and status (i.e., master, doctoral, new professional, experienced professional) should be based on student/graduation status as of June 1, 2020. New professionals must have graduated within the previous calendar year (2019) to qualify for the program; otherwise they should apply as an experienced professional.

Emerging Leaders will receive free registration to the 2020 MCA Annual Conference (\$250 value!), receive mentorship from a MCA leader, meet and network with other emerging

leaders in the program, and be recognized at the conference as an Emerging Leader. Recipients will also be recognized on MCA's website, be featured in the MCA newsletter *Compass Points*, and have the opportunity to bolster and expand resume content through the development of helpful videos and web information for counseling students throughout the State of Maryland.

Applicants who have exceptional leadership potential, that hold a willingness to serve MCA in a variety of roles, and have a passion for the betterment of the counseling profession are sought.

Interested applicants should submit the following to Dr. Marja Humphrey at mhumphrey@bowiestate.edu **no later than July 31, 2020:**

1. The MCA Emerging Leaders application
2. Your curriculum vitae (no longer than three pages)
3. Two letters of recommendation (one page each) describing your leadership skills and experiences, and reasons why you should be selected to serve as an Emerging Leader

Applications can be found on the MCA website at mdcounseling.org under the Emerging Leaders tab.

The selection committee will notify applicants of the status of their application on or before August 14, 2020. Upon receipt of an application, a confirmation email will be sent. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Marja Humphrey at mhumphrey@bowiestate.edu .

Maryland Counseling Association
2020-2021 MCA Emerging Leaders Program Application

Directions: Please complete and return this application along with your curriculum vitae/ résumé, essay, and two letters of recommendation (letters should not come from members of the MCA Emerging Leader selection committee) to Dr. Marja Humphrey at mhumphrey@bowiestate.edu no later than July 31, 2020. **Please scan and submit all documents into one single pdf file.** In the email subject line indicate: MCA Emerging Leader Application

Full Name:
Email

Address:

Phone

Are you an ACA member: ___ Yes ___ No

ACA Member ID #: _____

Are you an MCA member: ___ Yes ___ No

MCA Member ID #: _____

___ Yes ___ No

Have you read the required activities for being an MCA Emerging Leader found in the MCA Emerging Leaders Overview (i.e., MCA service commitment, volunteer time at conferences, participation in committees/task forces)?

Do you feel you are able to commit to these activities? ___ Yes ___ No

Please note you should complete the form based on your graduation status as of June 1, 2020 (e.g., If you graduate with a doctoral degree in June 2020, you would indicate you are a new professional, not a doctoral student).

If you are applying for the Master's or Doctoral Emerging Leader, please indicate your university and program area of study.

Master's or Doctoral Degree:

University:

Program area of study:

If you are applying for the New Professional or Experienced Professional Emerging Leader, please indicate your university or agency affiliation and job title.

University or Agency Affiliation:

Job Title:

Date of Graduation from Counseling Program:

Please describe in a 500 word or less essay how the MCA Emerging Leaders Program will assist you in achieving your professional goals. Be sure to include specific interest areas within MCA where you would like to gain experience (e.g., leadership skills, membership recruitment/retention, organizational development, professional advocacy, professional development, etc.) and any past leadership experiences that may inform your ability to serve as an MCA Emerging