



## Academy for Excellence in Local Governance

### Torchbearer Program Application

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<b>WAYS TO EARN TORCHBEARER POINTS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<b>Attend an Academy Graduate Course</b> <i>(Exclusive courses offered to Academy Graduate Fellows – at least two held annually)</i>	25
<b>Attend a MACo or MML Conference or LGIT Annual Meeting</b> <i>(Both Associations offer 2 annually)</i>	<u>10</u> each
<b>Retake an Academy Core Course</b> <i>(Offered at MACo and MML Conferences, the LGIT Annual Meeting, and occasionally as stand-alone courses)</i>	<u>10</u> each
<b>Take an Academy Elective Course</b> <i>(Offered at MACo and MML Conferences)</i>	<u>5</u> each
<b>Assume a Leadership Position</b> <i>(Hold a position and actively participate on the MACo or MML Board, MACo or MML Committee, or NACo or NLC Committee)</i>	<u>5</u> each
<b>Participate in Additional Point Opportunities</b> <i>(Mentoring opportunities, alumni events, webinars, special assignments <u>TBD</u>)</i>	<u>5-10</u> each
<b>Participate in Lead MD or Leadership MD Program</b>	<u>5</u> each
<b>Inspire a MACo or MML Member to Join the Academy Program</b>	<u>5</u> each (up to 4 each year)

*Torchbearer Accreditation Fee: \$25 with initial application – no fee to maintain accreditation.*

*Registration fees will apply to attend conferences and graduate courses.*



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

County Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Academy Graduation : \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW TO ENROLL:** Fill out this form and [pay online](#) (**\$25** - scroll down to STEP 3 and select "Torchbearers") **OR** remit payment via check made payable to The University of Maryland SPP. Registration fees are nonrefundable.

If you pay online with a credit card, please include confirmation on your application.

**MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT:** School of Public Policy, 2101 Van Munching Hall, (Attn: Elizabeth Hinson) College Park, MD 20742,

For more information or questions, please contact the Academy Registrar Elizabeth Hinson by telephone: 301.405.6227 or email [ehinson@umd.edu](mailto:ehinson@umd.edu)

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