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Leadership Arlington Seeks Candidates for the Young Professionals Program Spring Class of 2015

Arlington, VA - Leadership Arlington is seeking up-and-coming leaders in the DC Metropolitan area to apply online for the Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program Spring Class of 2015 by Monday, December 15, 2014.

"Due to the impact and continued popularity of the program, Leadership Arlington offers two Young Professionals Program sessions per year," shares Betsy Frantz, President & CEO of Leadership Arlington. "This January, we will hold our second Spring Young Professionals Program class."

The Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program is an initiative of Leadership Arlington that provides participants with four months of experiential learning alongside 25-35 peers in which they expand their footprint in the community, connect with established community leaders and develop an awareness of community needs. This program helps cultivate a population of next generation leaders to become agents of change.



"As most young professionals do, I moved to Arlington because I knew it would be a great place to start my career and gain some valuable experience," said Amanda Tompkins, Young Professionals Program Fall Class of 2013 graduate. "As I went through the Young Professionals Program, I realized that Arlington truly is a welcoming, open-minded and supportive community where I feel like I can make an impact and have a place to grow. Through the program, I gained a strong network of support from my classmates who have become some of my closest friends to the inspirational speakers and community leaders who made it clear that my voice and role in the community is important. The Young Professionals Program has made me realize that Arlington is somewhere that I can put down roots and have a great sense of community as well as grow professionally and as a leader."

In addition to participant [benefits](#), the participants' organizations benefit as well. "It's really hard for us to provide the quality of training Leadership Arlington does. There's an amazing value in the training provided in that program," remarks John Murphy, President of Washington Workplace and graduate of the Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 1999. Murphy has sent three employees through the Young Professionals Program not only for the training, but also for the impact on his organization. "The program has helped drive our philanthropic and social goals."



Young Professionals Program applications are now available online at <http://leadershiparlington.org/programs/apply/yopro-apply/yopro-programapply-spring>. The application deadline is Monday, December 15, 2014.



[Informational mixers](#) for the Young Professionals Program Spring Class of 2015 will be held from 6:30pm until 7:30pm on Thursday, November 20 at Arlington Rooftop Bar & Grill (2424 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201) and 8:00am until 9:00am on Monday, December 8 at Leadership Arlington (4420 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 102, Arlington, VA 22203). Attendees at these informational mixers will gain an understanding of the Young Professionals Program, connect with current members and ask questions about the application process or program. RSVP online at <https://leadershiparlington.ejoinme.org/YPPMixers>.

For more information about Leadership Arlington and the Young Professionals Program, visit www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/young-professionals.

Thank you to the Fall and Spring Premier Program Sponsors: Arlington Community Federal Credit Union and Marymount University.

About Leadership Arlington

The mission of Leadership Arlington is to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders to strengthen the community. The vision of Leadership Arlington is a prepared, inspired and inclusive leadership who together embrace responsibility for the common good. For more information, visit www.leadershiparlington.org or call 703-528-2522.