



MARYLAND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

P.O. Box 83846, Gaithersburg, MD 20883

Dear MSEL Applicant:

Thank you for applying to the Middle School Experience in Leadership program. MSEL is designed for rising 6th through rising 8th grade students. The 2012 MSEL Program dates are:

Sunday, July 15, 1:00 p.m. – Saturday, July 21, 11:00 a.m.

We're thrilled that you are applying to attend our program. Leadership skills are vital to success in life and, perhaps more importantly, allow you to develop into a driven, passionate, and kind individual. Our program, which is designed to teach and help develop those skills, will allow you to grow as a person and become a stronger, more effective leader in your school and community.

MLW is not like school—not by a long shot. MLW isn't even like any summer camp that you have ever attended! MLW is like your own personal quest, one that is infused with knowledge and lots of fun.

During your week on site, you'll explore how you interact, lead, and influence other people. You will spend time getting to know new people and discussing issues important to Maryland's youth. And, last but certainly not least, you will be given the opportunity to meet and bond with individuals from around the state who share your interests and passions. Indeed, in the past, delegates have said that their favorite things about MLW were the new friendships they formed, the opportunities to use their newly learned skills, and the energy of our diverse staff. Of course people also loved the dances, the games, and all of the other recreational activities.

When you come to MLW, much of each day will be spent in hands-on workshops learning leadership skills, committees planning camp activities, and groups creating and implementing group projects. Our phenomenal staff works countless hours throughout the summer to make sure that every part of your week will be engaging and challenging. They will work with you throughout the week to make sure you not only learn about leadership, but have ample opportunities to practice your newly learned skills.

Thus, in order for our staff to effectively craft our program to fit your needs, we need to know a little more about you. Though it may take a little time to fill out, this application is used by our staff to gauge what we should use in our workshops and how best to tailor our curriculum and activities to you. Please take the time to completely fill out this application so that we make this year's program a life-changing experience for you!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the MLW office by phone (301.527.8222), by e-mail (office@mlw.org), or by fax (301.670.1407)

We look forward to seeing you at Washington College this summer!

The Staff of Maryland Leadership Workshops

Praise for Middle School Experience in Leadership, 2011

From middle school students:

“MSEL was an amazing experience and, as a person, this has changed my life. I will remember this forever. I’m so thankful for the opportunity to come here and meet new people, learn about leadership, and just have a good time. I want to thank everyone here, especially the staff, for making sure we had as much fun as we possibly could and still learn a lot at the same time. I’m just very, very grateful for the fun week.”

“It [MSEL] was the best time I had had in a long time. I have learned so much about leadership and I can now use it back at school/home.”

“This [MSEL] was the best week of my life because I learned new things, met awesome new people and saw a whole new side of my personality.”

“Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to change my life in a positive way. MLW made a great impact on my life and I couldn't have asked for more.”

“After attending MSEL, I am more open to others which has allowed me to make more friends and have memorable experiences. At the camp, I learned leadership skills that will definitely help me lead in my school's SGA.”

“Attending this camp has helped me become more comfortable voicing my opinions.”

From parents of attendees:

“My daughter LOVED her week at MLW. She starts middle school this year with very few children from her elementary school. This week gave her confidence in her ability to be independent as well as gave her skills for dealing with authority and peers. I really believe this week will help her tremendously in middle school this fall.”

“My daughter has grown socially, as has her leadership potential.”

“My son benefited from living away on campus for a week, he formed some great friendships and really developed in maturity and independence.”

“After attending this camp, my daughter has learned to deal better with her peers.”

From teachers of attendees:

“Attending the MSEL program helped my participating students develop self confidence and leadership skills.”

Application Checklist - 2012

A Complete Delegate Application includes all of the following:

To be completed by Applicant and Parent/Guardian:

- Delegate Application Form Cover Sheet
- Delegate Leadership Questionnaire
- Signed copy of MLW's Rules and Expectations and Required Signatures
- Summer Program Registration Payment Form and payment

To be completed by Recommender:

- Recommendation Form
To be completed by an adult or peer who can speak to your leadership abilities and potential. The Recommendation Form should be sent by the recommender directly to the MLW office by fax, online submission or regular mail.

To be completed by Parent/Guardian and Physician/Doctor's Office (see Medical Form portion of application):

- Parental Release and Acknowledgment (p. 2)
- Contact and Insurance Information (p. 3)
Please include a photocopy of the health insurance card (front and back)
- Delegate Health History (p. 4)
- MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Immunization Certificate (attachment)
- Over the Counter (OTC) Medication Form (p. 5)
- Prescription Medication Form (p. 6)

Incomplete applications will not guarantee placement in the program. It is highly recommended that you make a copy of the complete application before submitting it. Applications should be submitted to:

Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc. P.O. Box 83846 Gaithersburg, MD 20883

Upon receipt of the application, MLW will send either:

- A confirmation noting that your application has been accepted and a space is being held for you;
- A postcard outlining missing items needed before accepting an application and reserving a spot in the program;
- A letter designating your space on the waiting list, if the program is already full.

Full details about the week, include packing lists and directions to the campus, will be sent to confirmed participants at the end of June.

Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, creed, gender identity and expression, genetic information, marital status, ability or disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation in matters affecting employment or in providing access to programs.



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2012 MSEL Delegate Application Cover Page

Please print NEATLY or type your responses

Delegate Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Age: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____ Last First M.I.
month date year Gender: M F T-Shirt Size: S M L XL other -

Delegate Email address where program information may be sent: _____

School Attending (Sept. 2012): _____ Grade Entering (Sept: 2012): 6 7 8

Type of School (check one): Private Public Other

Ethnic Origin (check all that apply):

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White (non Hispanic) Hispanic or Latino Other (please specify): _____

Home Address: _____

Street Address

Apt. No

City

State

Zip Code

COUNTY (eg Montgomery)

Parent/Guardian Name:	Parent/Guardian Name:
Please provide all contact information and indicate with an * the preferred means of contacting you	
Email:	Email:
Home Phone:	Home Phone:
Work Phone:	Work Phone:
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:

I am being sponsored to attend MLW by (organization providing funding): _____
in the amount of full tuition of \$ _____ OR partial tuition of \$ _____

I am seeking financial assistance from MLW and have included the financial aid application

I am paying tuition of \$ _____ by personal check credit card other (check one) not applicable

I have asked the following person to complete my letter of recommendation:

Name	Title	phone	email
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I have previously attended an MLW program. Program(s) and Year(s) _____

From which source(s) did you hear about Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc?

- School Summer Search Booklet Newspaper/Camp Guides Leadership Maryland MLW Alumni
- MASC/Regional Student Council Internet Friends Other: _____

I, the applicant, and the applicant's parents/guardian, have read and signed the following (see attached forms):

- Permission to Apply and Attend
- Payment and Refund Policy
- Expectations and Rules



2012 MSEL Required Signatures Page

Parents/Guardians Please read and sign this page

Delegate Name: _____ Program: ALS MSEL SHW

Permission to Apply and Attend

I hereby grant permission for my child _____ to apply to and participate in this program. I permit my child and his/her image to be involved in activities and media events that are designed to promote the benefits of Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc., including but not limited to photographs, videotapes, posting images on MLW’s website, newsletters, and press releases. Additionally, I hereby grant permission for MLW to share the school name and email address of my child with other participants in MLW programs, local school system personnel, Leadership Maryland, and local community leadership associations.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Application, Attendance and Refund Policies

The following refund schedule applies for delegates who cancel their registration.

- ◆ Anyone who cancels before May 1, 2012 will receive a \$450 refund.
- ◆ Anyone who cancels between May 1 and June 1, 2012 will receive a \$300 refund.
- ◆ Cancellations after June 1, 2012 cannot be refunded.
- ◆ Refunds will be issued by September 30, 2012:

All necessary items for a complete application must be received prior to June 15, 2012. A reserved space in the program may be forfeited in order to make room for the delegates who are on the waiting list if material is not received by the deadline.

Students participating in MLW’s summer programs must participate in the entire week-long residential experience. Students will not be permitted to arrive at the program late or depart early. Unfortunately, refunds cannot be made to students who, for unexpected health or other reasons, must leave the program early.

MLW reserves the right to expel without refund any student who violates MLW’s Rules and Expectations, violates Maryland State law, or for other good cause.

I have read and understand the application, attendance and refund policies.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Date

2012 MSEL Expectations of Delegate and Rules for a Safe Week
Delegates and Parents/Guardians - Please read and sign this document.

Expectations of Delegate

RESPECT

Respect for one another is of primary importance for all delegates and staff members to learn and grow throughout the week. Treat others with respectful behavior so that you may expect the same in return. Respectful behavior includes:

- Respect requests made by MLW staff members and campus employees.
- Avoid the use of profanity/obscene language.
- Respect the privacy of MLW participants and other groups who may be using the campus.
- Avoid touching of other people and their belongings (this includes fights and theft).
- Respect all ideas and beliefs and avoid the use of derogatory comments towards other.

ATTENDANCE

It is expected that you will attend all scheduled activities. We have many fun and challenging activities for you and expect that you will be a part of each one.

Eating three balanced meals a day, drinking plenty of liquids, and getting enough sleep will ensure that attending all activities will be no problem.

In case of an emergency or any circumstance preventing participation in activities, notify a staff member immediately!

Rules and Procedures to Follow for a SAFE and FUN week

IN AND AROUND DORMITORIES

There will be no guys on girls' halls and no girls on guys' halls unless approved in advance for an official activity. This includes stairwells that lead from such halls, which are labeled "off limits." Common areas are open to all delegates.

No outside visitors are permitted at anytime during the week without prior permission from the program director.

Do not prop open outside doors at anytime.

In the event of a fire, pull the fire alarm and exit the building quickly, knocking on the doors that you pass. Check in with your assigned staff member at the designated meeting location.

In the event of another type of emergency, contact the staff member who is on "dorm duty." His/her name will be posted on your hall each day.

CHECK-IN AND LIGHTS OUT

Check-in will occur every night at the time indicated in the guidebook you receive at registration. You must check in with a staff member from your hall by the stated time. We will give you time to get ready for bed, and we will usually schedule a hall meeting after check-in.



Lights must be TURNED OFF at the time designated in your guidebook. Although you may be accustomed to staying up a bit later, remember that this week is very active and demands your full energy every day. You will need your sleep to fully participate in all activities.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

At registration, you will receive an MLW button with your name on it. This button must be worn at all times unless, of course, you are in the shower or sleeping. You must also wear shoes at all times except when showering and sleeping (although you may want to wear shower shoes).

You may NOT leave campus at any time or for any reason. If you are uncertain of campus boundaries, ask a staff member. Commercial properties located near the campus are not part of the campus. If you have forgotten a necessity item, give the office staff money and a written description of the item, and they will secure it for you.

You may NOT drive during the workshop at any time. If you think you will be tempted to drive during the week, a staff member will be happy to hold your keys for you.

Do NOT walk alone anywhere — always take a buddy with you.

TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, AND OTHER DRUGS

The possession and/or use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco is absolutely forbidden at all times during the week. No over the counter or prescription medication is allowed in dorm rooms. All medication is to be turned in to the health consultant at registration and will be available by coming to the MLW onsite office. Only delegates with forms signed by a health practitioner will be allowed to take over the counter or prescription medication.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR AND CONSEQUENCES

The expectations outlined above are intended to allow all delegates and staff members to have a safe and successful week. Any behavior described in this document or at the discretion of a staff member that threatens or jeopardizes the safety of other persons or their enjoyment of the program will not be tolerated.

The MLW directors and staff may take any of the following actions as a consequence for delegates who do not meet the expectations outlined above:

- A conference with the delegate and a staff member.
- A conference with the delegate and a program director.
- A phone call home informing a parent/guardian of the incident.
- A delegate-written letter of apology to the offended party.
- The withholding of participation in social activities.
- Removal from the program (a parent/guardian will be requested to pick up the student).

I have read and understand the expectations/rules stated above and acknowledge that I may be dismissed from MLW if I violate any of these rules.

Signature of Delegate Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

2012 MSEL Delegate Leadership Questionnaire

To be completed by applicant:

On a separate sheet please type or write in blue or black ink your answers the following questions.

Be sure to include your NAME and GRADE ENTERING IN FALL 2012 at the top of the page(s)

1. Why are you interested in attending the Middle School Experience in Leadership program? What skills would you like to gain?
2. What are your interests/hobbies?
3. Describe a situation where you have exhibited or witnessed leadership.
4. Describe a few of your strengths.
5. What is one possible area for improvement on which you would like to focus during MSEL 2012?
6. If you have previously attended an MLW program please identify some of the skills you learned and how you are currently using them.



RECOMMENDATION FORM

To complete this form online, please email office@mlw.org to request the link.

Student's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your City/State/Zip _____

Your Phone: _____ Your email address: _____

Your Relationship to Student: _____

Length of Time You Have Known Student: _____

Please respond to the following questions to provide us insight on the above student so that we may better tailor our program. **You may attach additional pages if necessary (please include student name at top of additional pages).**

1. Please identify why you believe the above student will benefit from MLW's residential leadership program.

2. Please describe the leadership skills and characteristics that you believe the above student possesses.

3. Please state how the MLW residential leadership program community will be enriched by the above student's participation.

Signature Date

Please return this form directly to:
MLW, P.O. Box 83846, Gaithersburg, MD 20883 or by facsimile to (301) 670-1407.
Also, please notify the above student when you have sent this form. Thank you for your assistance.



Summer Program Registration Payment Form

Delegate Name: _____ Program ALS SHW MSEL

Please indicate the amount of tuition being paid:

- \$575 Early Bird Tuition if complete application is received by or on May 1, 2012
- \$675 Tuition if complete application is received after May 1, 2012

I am being sponsored by my school, county or other organization

Name of organization: _____ Contact: _____
Amount of sponsorship: _____

If a balance is due, please indicate the amount of your payment _____.

I have applied to MLW for a scholarship/financial assistance and my application form is attached.

Enclosed is a check made to Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc.

Check number _____ Date _____ Amount _____

I wish to pay by credit card (please complete information below)

- Visa Mastercard American Express Discover

Amount to be charged: \$ _____

Credit Card Holder's Name: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ___/___ Security Code on Back of Card: _____ Billing Zip code: _____

Please call me at _____ (phone number) to charge my credit card.

Round Up and Donate to MLW

In order to keep the costs of MLW programs low, we rely on the generosity in part of private donors. Our current tuition only represents a portion of the costs of running each summer program. MLW supplements the balance through donations, sponsorship, and other funding sources. With this in mind we ask you to consider making a contribution to ensure tuition stays at its current below market value rate.

_____ I wish to make a **tax-deductible donation** of \$ _____ (enter amount)
to Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc.

Please select from the following payment methods:

- _____ Enclosed a check made payable to Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc.
- _____ I'd like to pay by credit card using the above card information
- _____ Please call me to discuss other donation options.