



Academy for Excellence in Local Governance

Torchbearer Program

A “Torchbearer” is a leader in government who continuously seeks knowledge and inspires others to strive for excellence in public service.

Once an Academy Fellow graduates from the Academy program, they may become a “Torchbearer” by participating in this annual program. Graduate Fellows are encouraged to reach at least 100 Torchbearer points for their service within the Academy. Points are given for participation in Graduate courses, retaking Academy Core workshops, or participating on various Boards and Committees. Graduate Fellows who reach and maintain this level are recognized as Torchbearers at the MACo and MML Summer Conferences.

WAYS TO EARN TORCHBEARER POINTS	POINTS
Attend a Graduate Course <i>(Exclusive courses offered to Academy Graduate Fellows – 2 held annually)</i>	25
Attend a MACo or MML Conference or LGIT Annual Meeting <i>(Both Associations offer 2 annually)</i>	15 each
Retake an Academy Core Course <i>(Offered at MACo and MML Conferences, the LGIT Annual Meeting, and occasionally as stand-alone courses)</i>	25 each
Take an Academy Elective Course <i>(Offered at MACo and MML Conferences)</i>	10 each
Assume a Leadership Position <i>(Hold a position and actively participate on the MACo or MML Board, MACo or MML Committee, or NACo Committees)</i>	10 each
Participate in Additional Point Opportunities <i>(Mentoring opportunities, alumni events, webinars, special assignments)</i>	10 each
Participate in Lead MD or Leadership MD Program	10
Inspire a MACo or MML Member to Join the Academy Program	10 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