

Michigan Delegation - Young Leaders Program

U.S. Apple Association 2015

Back in 2010, U.S. Apple Association created a Young Apple Leader Program to show the next generation of American apple growers and leaders how the national organization works on federal, regulatory and legislative apple issues. This program provides an opportunity to learn from apple leaders and peers from around the country.



ELIGIBILITY: Young apple growers who are at start of their career through approximately age 35 are eligible to participate. Those involved in apple packing, shipping, marketing, research and other areas are also encouraged to join the program. All applicants must be in good standing with the Michigan Apple Committee.

WHAT YOU GET TO DO: If selected you will participate in Capitol Hill visits at the March Board of Directors meeting in Washington, DC (schedule of events attached). You will also have the opportunity to attend the various committee meetings to learn more about how the membership shapes the direction of the national organization.

COST: Two individuals from Michigan will be selected to attend and the cost to those individuals will be nothing. Michigan Apple Committee will sponsor both individuals.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING? Please fill out the short questionnaire below and return to the Michigan Apple Committee via email (Diane@MichiganApples.com) or fax 517.669.9506 by **Monday, December 15, 2014.**



Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Title/Responsibilities: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Why would you like to participate in the 2015 Young Apple Leaders Program?

2015 SCHEDULE



Young Apple Leaders Program
USApple's Capitol Hill Day & March Meetings
March 18-20, 2015
The Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel
Washington, D.C.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Arrival in Washington, D.C.

Dinner with national apple industry leaders in production, packing, sales/marketing and processing



THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Issues Briefing Breakfast

Capitol Hill Day with Congressional Meetings

USApple Political Action Committee Reception

“ My experience increased my understanding of what USApple does on behalf of the industry both internally and through issue-activism which we participated in on Capitol Hill Day. I had the opportunity to meet and talk with many members of the industry. ”

JAMIE KOBER
RIVERIDGE PACKING, LLC, SPARTA, MICH.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Young Apple Leaders Breakfast

Attend USApple Committee Meetings
(Education, Industry Information, Membership/Communications)

Leadership Luncheon

3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Departure and end of the Young Apple Leaders events

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

USApple Board of Directors Meeting
Young Apple Leaders are welcome to attend