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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Emerge Kentucky Applications are Open for Class of 2019**

**KY**— Applications to participate in Emerge Kentucky’s Class of 2019 are now open, and will remain open until November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, one week after Election Day. As the state’s premier candidate training program for Democratic women, Emerge Kentucky aims to change the face of Kentucky politics by encouraging more women to hone their skills to run for office and win.

Details about Emerge’s 6-month signature training program, the application process, and the official online application can be found at <https://ky.emergeamerica.org/training/>.

The open application period has been coupled with a recruitment tour to 11 various cities throughout the Commonwealth. “With the help of our network, which we have cultivated for nearly a decade,” said Executive Director Blair Haydon, “we aspire to recruit a diverse pool of applicants throughout Kentucky in order to make the greatest impact.”

Emerge Ky has a proven track record of training Democratic women who run and win. Since the organization launched in 2009, the program has equipped nearly 200 women with the skills needed to bring change to their communities. In the 2016 election, 61% of Emerge KY alumnae on the ballot won. 28 alumnae are currently serving in elected office and there are 55 on the November ballot.

Board Chair and Founder of Emerge Kentucky, Jennifer A. Moore, says that coupling open applications with the recruitment tour is essential to Emerge KY’s success. “The vast Emerge network speaks volumes, along with testimonies of those who have actually gone through the training program,” said Moore. “When potential applicants see how life changing the program is, they see how meaningful the experience can be and are more inclined to apply.”

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