Long interested in civic as well as political affairs, Governor McKeldin was one of the organizers and the second president of the Junior Association of Commerce of Baltimore. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Social Agencies and the Board of Trustees of the South Baltimore General Hospital. He is chairman of the Board of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company. In 1948 and 1949 he was chairman of Brotherhood Week for the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He is the recipient of the 1952 Freedoms Foundation Award, the Sydney Hollander Foundation Award for the promotion of better interracial relations, International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, the Twentieth Annual Citation of the Brotherhood of Temple Ohabei Shalom of Boston, Mass., for furthering the cause of human brotherhood, and the Histadrut award for outstanding aid and service to the State of Israel.

At the Republican National Convention of 1952 in Chicago, he delivered the address that placed the name of General Dwight D. Eisenhower in nomination for President of the United States.

The Governor is an Episcopalian and a Lay Reader of the Episcopal Church. He has taught a Methodist Bible Class and has been superintendent of an Episcopal Sunday School. He has preached lay sermons in the churches of many denominations from New England to Texas.

Governor McKeldin's present address is Government House, Annapolis, Maryland.