

North Carolina Farm Bureau LEAD Program Leadership – Education – Activity – Development

Summary and Responsibilities

1. NC Farm Bureau's LEAD Program is a leadership development program sponsored by North Carolina Farm Bureau. Its purpose is to develop, foster, and enhance the skills of individuals and couples (between the ages of 36 and 52) actively engaged in production agriculture.
2. NC Farm Bureau's LEAD Program is a two-year course consisting of numerous hours of classroom instruction, farm and agri-business tours, activities, and open discussion designed to broaden the knowledge and leadership capabilities of all the participants.
3. NC Farm Bureau has made a significant commitment both financially and through staff time to make this a worthwhile program. In order for each participant to realize the full benefit of the program he/she must be willing to make a serious commitment.
 - A. Attendance: You are expected to attend all classes except in the case of extreme emergency or unforeseen circumstances. You must attend at least 75% of all classes offered in order to graduate. The program consists of a minimum of ten classes.
 - B. Projects: Participants may be required to complete certain projects or homework assignments as determined by the LEAD Program Team Leader.
 - C. Professionalism: You are representing Farm Bureau during your entire course, both in and out of class. We want you to have a good time, an educational experience and build lifelong relationships. We expect you to act in a professional manner at all times because the impression you make on other people will influence the impression they have of Farm Bureau.
 - D. Dress Code: Dress will be business casual unless otherwise specified by the LEAD Program Team Leader. No jeans!!
4. Workshop Guidelines
 - A. You are responsible for your actions.
 - B. Feel free to speak up, but respect others and their opinions.
 - C. You have a right to disagree, just don't be disagreeable.
 - D. Silence all electronic devices during class periods.
 - E. Be in class on time and in proper dress.
 - F. Notify the LEAD Program Team Leader immediately of any conflicts, emergencies, etc., that may require special attention.
5. Spouses who are not participants in NC Farm Bureau's LEAD Program may attend functions as identified by the LEAD Program Team Leader. Any extra costs incurred will be the responsibility of the participant.

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6. Tentative 2017 & 2018 Dates for LEAD Program Classes
 - A. **First Class: February 6-9, 2017 (Wilmington)**
Starts first day at 1:00 pm / Ends last day at 11:30 am
 - B. **Second Class: March 19-22, 2017 (Washington, DC)**
Starts first day at 8:30 am / Ends last day at 7:00 pm
 - C. **Third Class: Policy Review Day, July 27, 2017 (Raleigh)**
Starts at 8:00 am / Ends at 3:00 pm
 - D. **Fourth Class: Follows Policy Review Day, July 27-29, 2017 (Raleigh)**
Starts at 2 pm on Policy Review Day / Ends last day at 12:00 noon
 - E. **Fifth Class: Summer and Fall Assignments**
 - Attend two county Advisory Committee meetings
 - Attend two county Farm Bureau Annual meetings
 - F. **Sixth Class: September 14-16, 2017 (Asheville)**
Starts first day at 1:00 pm / Ends last day at 12:00 pm
 - G. **Seventh Class: NC Farm Bureau Annual Convention, December 3, 2017 (Greensboro)**
Dinner / meeting starts at 5:00 pm
 - H. **Eighth Class: February 8-10, 2018 (Raleigh)**
Starts at 1pm/ Ends last day at 12 noon
 - I. **Ninth Class: March 22-24, 2018 (Raleigh)**
Starts first day at 1:00 pm / Ends last day at 12:00 pm
 - J. **Tenth Class: Out of State Trip, June 2018 (Location/Dates TBA)**
 - K. **MAKE-UP: Policy Review Day – TBA**
Starts at 8:00 am / Ends at 3:00 pm
 - L. **MAKE-UP: Summer and Fall Assignments – TBA**
 - Attend two county Advisory Committee meetings
 - Attend two county Farm Bureau Annual meetings
 - M. **GRADUATION: NC Farm Bureau Annual Convention, December 2, 2018 (Greensboro)**
Reunion dinner starts at 5:00 pm

I have read, understand, and agree to the above.

Applicant's Signature _____

Spouse's Signature _____

Print Name _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

Date _____

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Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in NC Farm Bureau's LEAD Program. Please follow these steps as you complete the application.

1. The applicant must be a current NC Farm Bureau member and actively engaged in production agriculture.
2. Each person **MUST COMPLETE** an individual application, even if both you and your spouse are applying.
3. Please answer every question on the application; incomplete applications will not be accepted. The selection committee will base its selection of participants on information obtained from the application.
4. If additional space is needed to answer a question, attach a separate sheet.
5. A \$200 fee per individual (\$400 per married couple) is due upon acceptance into the program. The deadline for the fee is December 31. Checks are to be made payable to "NC Farm Bureau Federation".
6. **The COMPLETED application must be signed and submitted by November 4, 2016 to:**

Audrey Brown
Director of Field Services
audrey.brown@ncfb.org
NC Farm Bureau Federation
PO Box 27766
Raleigh, NC 27611

QUESTIONS should be directed to:

Audrey Brown
Director of Field Services
audrey.brown@ncfb.org
(919) 783-4310

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Application

Farm Bureau Membership Number _____

County _____

Preferred Name (for nametag) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

E-mail Address _____

Web Address _____

Home Phone _____

Mobile Number _____

Business Phone _____

Fax Number _____

Gender _____ Male _____ Female

Shirt Size (button-up shirt, choose your fit) _____ Men's (loose fit) _____ Women's (tailored fit)

Driver's License Information

LEGAL Name (as it appears on your DRIVER's LICENSE)

Driver's License Number _____

Driver's License City of Residence _____

Date of Birth _____

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A. List colleges attended and/or short courses completed:

Name of School	Enrollment Date	Graduation Date	Degree Earned	Major / Minor Field
Describe other educational experiences.				

B. Production Agriculture History

Describe your production operation or agribusiness you own or are employed by (*be as specific as possible and include duties and responsibilities – 150 words or less*).

C. Other Employment History (*list in chronological order with most current first*):

Name of Employer	Position Held	Date Employment Began	Date Employment Ended

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D. List organizations/groups in which you are or have been a member and the leadership roles you have assumed in each (*mention ag-related and non-ag related activities*):

Organization/Group	Year	Leadership Role
What do you consider to be your noteworthy accomplishments?		

E. List awards/honors you have received (*include ag-related and non-ag related activities*):

Awards/Honors	Year	Basis for Award
What are your leadership strengths and how do they qualify you as an emerging farm leader? (<i>150 words or less</i>)		

F. Leadership Development Program

Why do you wish to participate in an agricultural leadership development program? (200 words or less)

County Farm Bureau President

NC Farm Bureau's LEAD Program is designed for members who demonstrate leadership potential in agriculture. The LEAD Program selection committee requires a recommendation by the county Farm Bureau president before the applicant can be considered. Please sign below if you would like for the selection committee to consider this candidate.

County FB President Signature _____

County _____

Date _____

Applicant should return the COMPLETED application by November 4, 2016 to:

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