

Purpose

The Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program is an eighteen month program designed to refine the leadership skills of twenty active farmers and agribusiness professionals.

This program is tailored to young professionals who want to be on the cutting edge of decisions that will affect agriculture and rural communities in the 21st century. Participants are selected for their demonstrated leadership ability, commitment, and anticipated potential.

This program is not just about farming. It is about participants polishing their communication skills, identifying concerns common to both rural and urban areas, understanding current issues in public policy, developing greater self awareness, expanding their understanding of the global economy, and establishing a basis for lifelong learning and development. Those who complete this program develop the ability to accept leadership responsibility in society.

Program

- Ten study seminars, usually three days each (counting travel), at locations across Kentucky;
- a five day study tour to Washington, D.C. to better understand the federal policy process and agencies;
- a 10-12 day international study tour to a major agricultural producing region;
- if budget permits, a 5-7 day tour to view the agriculture of another state.

Each participant selected for this program will be awarded a Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Scholarship valued at approximately \$28,000 which covers lodging, meals, and seminar expenses plus travel for the national and international study tours.

Incidental expenses and travel to and from seminar sites and to departure airports are the responsibility of each participant.

Selection Criteria

Participants shall be active farmers or represent agribusiness or an agency supporting agriculture. At least five of the participants must be tobacco dependent as required and defined by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

Those selected must demonstrate a commitment to agriculture, agribusiness, and learning; will show evidence of leadership qualities; must be of good character, personality, and reputation; and must be able to participate in all seminars. To ensure diversity of the group, reasonable representation by age, gender, race, geography, farm size and type, leadership experience, and cultural background will be considered.

Participants must provide a statement from their spouse and/or business partners providing evidence of their interest and support; must obtain consent from their employers (where appropriate), and will pay \$2,000 each in two \$1,000 installments over a two year period to partially defray program expenses and to exhibit their commitment to participate. Scholarships will be available for any qualified candidate who lacks the financial resources to participate in the program.

Nomination Process

Candidates may be nominated by county extension agents, farm organizations, trade associations, alumni of previous leadership programs and other interested individuals. Candidates may also be self nominated. Generally, no more than one individual from a single entity will be selected for each class. Only one applicant per family will be considered.

Nominees will be sent application information. Applicants selected for potential participation (and their partners where applicable) will have a personal interview as a part of the final selection process.

To nominate an individual for the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program, complete the attached form and return by September 1, 2009 to:

KALP
Will Snell or Steve Isaacs
321 C. E. Barnhart Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40546-0276
Phone: (859) 257-7292
Fax: (859) 257-7290
KALP-L@LSV.UKY.EDU

Key Dates

Sept 1, 2009	Nominations due
Oct 15, 2009	Application deadline
Nov 16-20, 2009	Personal interviews
Dec 1, 2009	Final selections
January 2010	First Seminar Class IX

More information about the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program can be found at:
www.uky.edu/Ag/KALP/



Postage

Nomination Form

I would like to nominate this individual as a candidate for Class IX of the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program. I have discussed this with the nominee and he/she is willing to be considered a candidate.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Nominated

by _____

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Nominate a leader for

KALP Class IX

Designed to identify, develop,
and motivate Kentuckians for
effective leadership
in agriculture and
rural communities



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