



Kentucky Agricultural
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Dear Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program Applicant:

Thanks for your interest in the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program (KALP). We believe KALP is vital to the advancement of Kentucky agriculture and are committed to offering a first-class program.

Each KALP class consists of 20 individuals who are motivated to improve their leadership, management, and communication skills in order to elevate the image and profitability of Kentucky agriculture and to enhance the quality of life in rural communities. The selection committee will assemble a class that is diversified in terms of race, gender, farm size, geographic region, farm enterprises, agribusinesses, and various levels of leadership experience.

Each applicant is required to submit the following forms prior to the October 15, 2009 deadline:

- Participant Application Form*
- Participant Commitment Form*
- Spouse Supporting Application Form* (if applicable)
- Employer Supporting Application Form* (if applicable)
- Recommendation Forms (3)*

All application forms are available online at www.uky.edu/Ag/KALP/ or by simply clicking on the individual forms above. Applicants (recommenders, and if applicable, spouses and employers) are strongly encouraged to submit applications electronically. Hard copy applications will be accepted, but we request they be typewritten.

The participant selection committee will consist of appointed members from the program advisory board, excluding program directors. The selection committee will review all applications and select a slate of candidates for a personal interview in November. Spouses are strongly encouraged to participate in the interview. Final selections will be made in early December with the first class seminar scheduled to start in January 2010.

Applicants should review the KALP Handbook which provides more detailed information about application procedures, participant expectations, seminar/travel information, and other program information. The handbook is available online at <http://www.uky.edu/ag/kalp/application/handbook.pdf> or a hard-copy will be made available upon request. All accepted candidates will be required to sign a pledge that they will abide by the expectations outlined in the handbook.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Thanks again for your interest and we wish you well.

Sincerely,

Will Snell and Steve Isaacs
KALP Co-Directors

EDUCATION

	<u>Name and Location</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree</u>
High School	_____	_____	_____
College	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

DO YOU FARM? (Please Check) Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____ # of Years _____

If you have off-farm employment:

Employer/Business Name _____

Employer Address _____

Your Position Title _____

Your Position Responsibilities

Previous off-farm employment/position(s)

CURRENT FARMING OPERATION

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Number of Acres or Head</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What percent of total family income is represented by the farming operation? _____ %

Has your family received a tobacco buyout check or Phase II Payment? Yes ____ No ____

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list in order of importance to you no more than five professional, civic, church or state/national organizations you have been affiliated with and any leadership roles that you have held during the past five years.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Years a Member</u>	<u>Offices Held</u>	<u>Dates of Office Held</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

AWARDS AND HONORS

<u>Organization/Grantor</u>	<u>Award or Honor</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEERISM

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Briefly describe what you enjoy doing in your leisure time.

List your professional and leisure reading in the past year.

IDENTIFICATION OF IMPORTANT ISSUES

In your opinion, what are the three most important issues facing agricultural leaders today and why are they important? (100 words or less for each)

1.

2.

3.

IDENTIFICATION OF IMPORTANT ISSUES

In your opinion, what are the three most important non-ag issues facing your family or your community today and why are they important? (100 words or less for each)

1.

2.

3.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

What are your principal reason(s) for wanting to participate in this program? What do you expect to gain as a result of participating? Evaluate your leadership skills/potential. (200 words or less)

PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT FORM

Please complete the *Participant Commitment* form (available online at <http://www.uky.edu/ag/kalp/application.php>) and return by October 15, 2009.

SPOUSE SUPPORTING APPLICATION FORM (if applicable)

If applicable, please have your spouse complete the *Spouse Supporting Application* form (available online at <http://www.uky.edu/ag/kalp/application.php>) and return by October 15, 2009.

EMPLOYER SUPPORTING APPLICATION FORM (if applicable)

If employed off the farm, please have your employer complete the *Employer Supporting Application* form (available online at <http://www.uky.edu/ag/kalp/application.php>) and return by October 15, 2009.

RECOMMENDATION FORMS (3)

Identify **three** individuals (non-family members) to complete and return the *Recommendation* form available online at <http://www.uky.edu/ag/kalp/application.php> by October 15, 2009.

PHOTO

Please attach a photo with submission of this application.

Please return completed application form electronically by October 15, 2009 by clicking on the SUBMIT button below

or mail to:

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