NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

PRODUCING STRONG AND EFFECTIVE LEADERS

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The Nebraska Farm Bureau Leadership Academy is a yearlong leadership training program designed to produce strong and effective Farm Bureau leaders.

We focus on personal growth and development, public speaking, working effectively with all forms of media, understanding the role and functions of Farm Bureau in Nebraska, and advocacy training at the local, state, and national levels.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Farm Bureau members involved in production agriculture or agribusiness with the potential for providing exceptional leadership in their county, community, and state.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Nebraska Farm Bureau’s Leadership Academy is an opportunity to meet others committed to the future of rural Nebraska and to establish a solid network of friends and fellow leaders. Participants will learn the latest information about critical issues and develop their skills for leading change.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (2020)

Session 1 - January 23-24
Kearney
Personal Development
Learn more about your year in the academy and understand your personal leadership style.

Session 2 - February 20-21
Grand Island
What is Farm Bureau?
Understanding Farm Bureau is key to becoming a strong leader at the county, state, and national level.

Session 3 - March 19-20
Lincoln
Effective Communication
Develop strategies to use when talking to elected officials and the media to effectively advocate for the agriculture industry.

Session 4 - August 6-7
Location - TBD
Food for Thought
Understand agriculture from the field to the table by visiting local agriculture in the area.

Session 5 - September 8-11
Washington, D.C.
Advocacy in Action
Make an impact on Capitol Hill by speaking with Nebraska representatives and national agriculture organizations.

For more information or to apply online, go to:
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2020 Application – Deadline Nov. 4, 2019

Please type or print clearly. (Name as it appears on your Driver’s License.)
You may use a separate sheet of paper.

Name _____________________________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State _________________ Zip ____________________

County ___________________________ Email _________________________________________

Phone (home) ___________________________ (cell) ________________________________

Applicant biography (3-5 sentences written in third person)

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Briefly describe your connection to agriculture (e.g., crops, livestock, ag business)

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Describe your involvement with Farm Bureau

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Please list organizations and/or groups you have been a member of and your leadership role in each

if applicable ____________________________

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Why are you interested in participating in Leadership Academy? What are your expectations and goals for the program?

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What is the most critical issue facing agriculture in the next five to 10 years?

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I have read the application and understand the qualifications to participate in the Nebraska Farm Bureau Leadership Academy. I understand that if chosen, I am expected to attend three of four state sessions and the Washington, D.C. trip, and that I may be removed from the program for failure to meet this expectation. I understand that if I am not selected for this year’s class, I can apply again for future classes.

Signature  Date

Please note any anticipated schedule conflicts that would prevent you from attending any of the sessions.

☐ Jan. 23-24  Reason ____________________________

☐ Feb. 20-21  Reason ____________________________

☐ Mar. 19-20  Reason ____________________________

☐ Aug. 6-7  Reason ____________________________

☐ Sept. 8-11  Reason ____________________________

(Washington, D.C.)

Return your completed application to:
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