



LSU AgCenter
Agricultural Leadership Development Program
Class XII Application
(2010-2012)

The LSU AgCenter's Agricultural Leadership Development Program is a highly successful two-year course of study that prepares men and women who are dedicated to agriculture for the leadership challenges of the future. Every two years since the program began in 1988, a class of men and women has graduated to embark on personal efforts to better serve the food and fiber industries of Louisiana and the nation. For those interested in applying for Class XII (January 2010 – January 2012), the application must be completed and submitted no later than *August 31, 2009*.

A list of frequently asked questions is attached to the application. Following a review of the applications, a selection committee will schedule a personal interview with each applicant. Those selected for Class XII will be notified by early October, 2009. Tuition is \$2,000 for the two-year program. Scholarship funding may be available.

Contact Dr. Bobby Soileau at (225)578-5670 or bsoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu for details about the program and questions about the application process.

Return the application to: Dr. Bobby Soileau, Director
Agricultural Leadership Development Program
LSU AgCenter
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P.O. Box 25100
Baton Rouge, LA 70894-5100



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I. Applicant Information

Full Name _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No

Spouse's Full Name _____

City of Residence _____ Parish _____

Applicant's preferred mailing address and contact information:

P.O. Box/Street	City	Zip Code
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E-mail Address: _____ Fax: (____) _____

Phone Numbers: Home: (____) _____

Business: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

II. Education and Training

List the most recent first.

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Graduation</u>	<u>Degree/Major</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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III. Occupational Information

Current Occupation: _____

Company/Firm Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Commodities: _____

Services/Products: _____

1. If involved in agricultural/forestry/fisheries **production**, describe your work experience and the location and size of your operation.

If involved in production, list % of time. _____

Rank commodities produced in order of predominance.

IV. Organization and Community Experience

1. Identify memberships and offices held in organizations since 1999 including school, 4-H, agricultural, civic, church, political and fraternal groups.

VI. Commitment to Leadership Program

- 1. Time and schedule commitment:** The LSU AgCenter invests significant faculty and financial resources to provide a skill building experience that benefits leadership program participants. The following is the seminar schedule for Class XII.

2010

Seminar I	January 5-7
Seminar II	February 9-11
Seminar III	Domestic Trip I, early to mid-June (4-5 days)
Seminar IV	October 19-21
Seminar V	December 7-9

2011

Seminar VI	January 4-6
Seminar VII	February 15-17
Seminar VIII	Domestic Trip II, early to mid-June (4-5 days)
Seminar IX	October 11-13

2012

Seminar X	International Trip, mid-January (10-14 days)
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- 2. Attendance commitment:** Applicants accepted into the program must acknowledge they expect to fully participate in the entire 40+ days of the two-year program. Any absence must have prior approval from the leadership program director in writing (letter or e-mail) no later than one week preceding a seminar.

Participants will be responsible for reimbursing Ag Leadership for any expenses incurred as a result of their absence, excused or unexcused. Anyone missing more than the equivalent of one seminar will be subject to a continuation review by program faculty.

3. **Applicant Acknowledgment**

Ag Leadership Development Program
Statement of Responsibilities

I am aware of the Class XII **time and schedule commitment**, and **attendance commitment** explained in Section VI (1 & 2).

Seminars present the opportunity to learn points of view, governance systems, values, etc., that may differ from my own. I will respect the bearers of such messages whether they are speakers or classmates.

I pledge to conduct myself in a manner conducive to an excellent learning environment during leadership program activities.

As a critical element in the leadership skills development process, I will accept various seminar roles assigned by the faculty, including serving as a seminar moderator, constructively working in a group or team and completion of all assignments.

Participation by spouses will be limited and granted by the director when such participation is appropriate, and space and financial resources are adequate. Charges will be assessed for expenses incurred by the program on their behalf.

When spouses are not in attendance, lodging of participants will be double occupancy. The faculty will establish a lodging rotation of same gender participants.

Some meals, all lodging and all class travel will be provided from Ag Leadership Development Program funds. I understand that tuition, certain meals, entertainment and incidental expenses, as well as transportation to attend seminars will be my responsibility.

The Ag Leadership Development Program has been adequately explained to me through a review of the frequently asked questions document and answers to inquiries of program faculty. If selected, I agree to abide by the Ag Leadership Development Program statement of participant responsibilities.

Name (Print)

Signature

Date

1. **Spouse's Acknowledgment**

Successful completion of the 40+ day, two-year program requires sacrifice from more than the program participants. Spouses should be informed of the possible commitment.

Why would you like to see your spouse selected to participate in the leadership program?

Name (Print)

Signature

Date

2. **Employer's Acknowledgment** (applicable to those not self-employed)

The Ag Leadership Development Program is a two-year program structured to increase the leadership potential of its participants. The curriculum of seven classroom seminars, two domestic travel seminars and an international travel seminar will increase your employee's knowledge of important issues and build personal communication skills resulting in a more confident, productive citizen. Release time from the company will be necessary for your employee to adhere to the program schedule specified below. Please indicate support for the applicant's participation by signing the acknowledgment.

_____	_____
Name	Company/Position
_____	_____
Signature	Date

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VII. References

A recommendation form should be given to a person who is in a position to comment on the nature and scope of your potential as a leader in the field of agriculture/forestry/fisheries. Do not use relatives for references.

List below two people you will use as references. Ask each person to complete and mail the recommendation form to the Ag Leadership office. You are responsible for making sure the completed form is returned prior to the deadline.

Name _____ Company/Position _____
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State/Zip _____ Telephone _____

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