



LEAD

Leadership Enhancement for Agricultural Development 2025-2026

*A two-year intensive learning experience
preparing future agricultural leaders for tomorrow's challenges.*

PURPOSE

To identify young Farm Bureau members who are currently involved in agriculture or a related business and provide them with the essential skills to be more effective leaders and to assist them in their personal and professional growth.

OBJECTIVE

Through small group training and experiences, participants will learn methods to access and process information, analyze and evaluate issues, formulate their own beliefs, and articulate them clearly and effectively.

ELIGIBILITY

The Kentucky Farm Bureau LEAD Program is designed for Farm Bureau members between the ages of 25 and 40 who want to increase their leadership effectiveness and their involvement in Farm Bureau. Applicants must be at least 25 years old at the time of application submission.

COST

KFB invests greatly in the LEAD Program to minimize the cost. The participant (or county Farm Bureau) will cover \$1,000 of the total cost. A \$50 deposit is required with each application.

*Balance of tuition will be due Jan. 1, 2025.
If not selected, the deposit will be refunded by
January 15, 2025.*

All completed applications (including references and deposit) must be submitted to Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation by October 31, 2024.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Participants may be nominated by anyone, but they must be approved by county Farm Bureaus by the application deadline of October 31.

SELECTION PROCESS

A selection committee will review the applicants and choose up to sixteen participants for the program. All applicants will be contacted in November regarding involvement in the program.

PROGRAM CONTENT

Participants will be exposed to formal and informal instruction, group discussion, and application of knowledge and skills gained through the program. Areas covered will include personal and professional development, leadership skills, agriculture technology, the legislative process, and Farm Bureau's role and involvement on issues affecting agriculture.

TO APPLY

Nominate someone for LEAD, or request an application, scan the QR code below or go to www.kyfb.com/leadapprequest





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PROGRAM OUTLINE

2025

JANUARY **CENTRAL KY**
LEAD program overview and orientation.

FEBRUARY **WASHINGTON, DC**
Farm Bureau Congressional Tour and visits with
Congressional Delegation.

APRIL **EASTERN KY**
Farm Bureau structure and leadership development.

AUGUST **LOUISVILLE, KY**
Team building and leadership training followed
by Farm Bureau Day activities at the Kentucky State
Fair.

OCTOBER **WESTERN KY**
Policy development process and leadership training.

DECEMBER **LOUISVILLE, KY**
Kentucky Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting.

2026

JANUARY **ANAHEIM, CA**
American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

FEBRUARY/MARCH **FRANKFORT, KY**
Meetings with state legislators, government officials
and an overview of the lobbying process.

JULY **TBD**
Out-of-State Agriculture Tour.

NOVEMBER **LOUISVILLE, KY**
Fireside chat with Farm Bureau's leadership
and management; plus program evaluation.

DECEMBER **LOUISVILLE, KY**
State Annual Meeting and LEAD class graduation.