



**LSU AgCenter
Agricultural Leadership Development Program**

**Class XI Application
(2008-2010)**

The LSU AgCenter's Agricultural Leadership Development Program is a highly successful two-year course of study that prepares men and women, 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. The LSU AgCenter will take applications for Class XI (January 2008-January 2010) until August 31, 2007. For those interested in the program, the accompanying application must be completed and submitted for review no later than ***August 31, 2007***.

A brochure explaining the leadership program 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 XI will be notified by early October, 2007. Tuition is \$1,500 for the two-year program.

Details about the program and questions about the application process should be directed to Dr. Bobby Soileau, Associate Director, (225) 578-5670. bsoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu

Return Application to:

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Agricultural Leadership Development Program
LSU, 101 A Efferson Hall
P.O. Box 25100
Baton Rouge, LA 70894-5100



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(Application Deadline August 31, 2007)

I. Applicant Information

Full Name _____ USA Citizen: Yes No

Spouse's Full Name _____

City of Residence _____ Parish _____

Applicant's preferred mailing address and telephone numbers:

P.O. Box/Street	City	Zip Code
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FAX Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Tel: 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>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

III. Occupational Information

Current Occupation: _____

Company or Firm Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Commodities Produced: _____

Services/Products provided: _____

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 1997 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 seminar schedule for Class XI is:

2008

Seminar I	January 8-10
Seminar II	February 19-21
Seminar III	Domestic Trip I, Mid-June (four days)
Seminar IV	October 7-9
Seminar V	December 2-4

2009

Seminar VI	January 6-8
Seminar VII	February 10-12
Seminar VIII	Domestic Trip II, Mid-June (four days)
Seminar IX	October 13-15

2010

Seminar X	International Trip, Mid-January (11-15 days)
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2. **Attendance commitment:** Applicants accepted into the program must acknowledge they expect to fully participate in the entire 40-plus days of the two-year program. Any absence must have prior approval from the leadership program director. Participants 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 XI **leadership schedule, participation goal and absence policy** explained in Section VI (1 & 2).

Seminars present me with 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 their participation is appropriate, and space and financial resources are adequate. Spouses will be assessed charges 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 in addition to 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 descriptive program brochure and answers to inquiries made of the program faculty. If selected, I agree to abide by the leadership program's statement of participant responsibilities.

Name (Print)

Signature

Date

1. Spouse's Acknowledgment

Successful completion of the 40-plus day, two-year program requires sacrifice from more than the program participants. Spouses should become 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 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 (Print)	Title
_____	_____
Signature	Date

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VII. References

List below two people you will use as references. Ask the references to complete and mail the recommendation form to the leadership office. You are responsible for making sure the references return the completed form prior to the deadline.

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Address _____ City _____

State _____ Telephone _____

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Recommendation Form
LSU Agricultural Center Leadership Development Program

This recommendation form should be given to the person you think is in the best 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 as recommenders.

To the Recommender:

The Ag Leadership Development Program is intended for people who have demonstrated leadership potential in Louisiana. May we please have your assistance in judging this candidate by your frank evaluation of his/her abilities and attitudes? Please direct your comments toward the applicant's own capabilities. (This recommendation will be held in strict confidence and should be returned directly to the program director's office as quickly as possible for the candidate's application to be considered.)

Name of Applicant: _____

I know the applicant: Well ____ Fairly Well ____ Superficially ____

State nature (business/personal/etc.) length of time having known the applicant.

Directions for questions 1 thru 6: Please check the rating (poor, fair, good, very good, excellent) that best describes candidate for each question.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
1. Esteem in which he/she is held					
2. Ability to communicate					
3. Demonstrated leadership					
4. Potential for growth through this program					
5. Ability to work with others					
6. Overall assessment of leadership potential					

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