OUR MISSION: TO PREPARE AND MOTIVATE MEN AND WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE FOR MORE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

Program Overview
The Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council founded the Nebraska LEAD (Leadership Education/Action Development) Program in 1981 in cooperation with Agricultural Builders of Nebraska, Inc. and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. All had recognized the need for a nonpartisan, nonpolitical organization to promote and develop future agricultural leadership. The council’s overall mission remains “to prepare and motivate men and women in agriculture for more effective leadership.”

Program Purpose
• Accelerate leadership development and improve leadership skills and abilities of Nebraska’s future agricultural leaders through exposure to diverse topics, issues, concerns, points of view, and innovative ideas.
• Increase knowledge of state, national, and international affairs.
• Prepare the problem solvers, decision makers, and spokespersons for the agriculture industry, while establishing a network of highly motivated leaders.

Participant Criteria
• Up to 30 highly motivated men and women, generally between the ages of 25-55, with demonstrated leadership potential selected annually from five geographic regions across Nebraska.
• Three years of Nebraska residency is required.
• Participants must be involved in farming, ranching, or agribusiness, complete a written application, and interview with a district screening committee. The Board of Directors of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council is responsible for the final selection of participants.

Program Expectations
• Attend all seminars
• Secure spouse’s and employer’s full support for program participation (if applicable)
• Possess a sincere commitment to self-improvement
• Maintain an open mind and interest
• Pay a modest annual participant fee

Program Support
Dollars provided through the following sources:
• Annual membership dues in the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council
• Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association membership
• Numerous individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations
• Commitment of in-kind contributions, including campus administrators, presenters, and coordinators, statewide leaders, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and many others

Program Outcomes
Graduates say they have gained:
• Self-confidence and a positive can-do attitude
• Problem-solving and decision-making skills
• Public speaking skills and a belief that they can make a difference
• New contacts and networking
• A broader view and understanding of “the bigger picture”
• Opportunities to seek out new role models and learn about different leadership styles
• Skills in proper etiquette

Program Delivery
• Twelve three-day, theme-driven seminars are conducted monthly from mid-September through early April. Over two years, participants visit almost every public and private college and university in Nebraska.
• First-year focus is on local, state, and national issues, with a ten-day national study/travel seminar in February.
• Second-year focus is on the international community and includes a 14 to 16 day international study/travel seminar.

For more information, visit us on the Web: www.lead.unl.edu
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IMPORTANT REMINDER
The application deadline of June 15, 2019 for Nebraska LEAD Class 39 is rapidly approaching.

Questions? Need application materials?
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Dear Friend,

Recently we have seen significant changes in the many policies that affect Nebraska agriculture. The worldwide economy has been in a state of flux in addition to the many advances and changes in the usage of technology in agriculture.

Maybe you are a person that embraces change—or one who fears it. Regardless, the Nebraska LEAD Program offers you the opportunity to fine-tune your leadership skills. We’re here to help you become an informed, confident voice for Nebraska agriculture and to learn ways you can participate in the policy decisions that shape it. If you are chosen to be a participant, you will become a member of Nebraska’s premier agricultural leadership development program.

Whether you are a new or previous applicant, I invite you to complete an application. Should you have questions about the Nebraska LEAD Program, please call our office at (402) 472-6810. You can also request an application anytime throughout the year by e-mailing us at leadprogram@unl.edu.

Please remember the application deadline is June 15, 2019. I sincerely look forward to your response.

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WANTED:
Thirty highly motivated Nebraskans involved in agriculture who want to develop their leadership skills.

You are invited to apply for
LEAD Class 39
Beginning Fall of 2019
Application deadline: June 15, 2019