



# AgLead XIII APPLICATION FORM

## Texas Farm Bureau's Agricultural Leadership Enhancement and Development Program

**NOTE:** The applicant should carefully read through the application prior to completion. The deadline for submitting application in the Waco office is September 2, 2016. Mail to Texas Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 2689, Waco, Texas 76702-2689, attention: Jamie Gipe

To send the application by email, print the completed form and have all parties sign as required; scan the completed/signed document, and send via email along with a digital picture of the applicant.

Please type or print

(Visit <http://texasfarmbureau.org/leadership/aglead> to complete the AgLead XIII application.)

### PERSONAL BACKGROUND

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME                      MIDDLE NAME                      LAST NAME                      NAME YOU GO BY

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS                      CITY                      ZIP CODE

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE                      BUSINESS PHONE                      CELL PHONE

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. (A) \_\_\_\_\_ 5. (B) \_\_\_\_\_ 5. (C) \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH                      COUNTY OF RESIDENCE                      MEMBERSHIP NUMBER                      E-MAIL ADDRESS

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF SPOUSE, IF MARRIED                      SPOUSE AGE

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN                      AGE(S)

9. List high school and college attended and/or short course completed.

School Name	Dates Attended (Month & Year) From / To	Graduation Date	Degree Earned
_____	to	_____	_____
_____	to	_____	_____
_____	to	_____	_____
_____	to	_____	_____

10. What hobbies or other interests do you have? List your travel experiences outside of Texas.



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 TEXAS FARM BUREAU AGLEAD XIII  
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## AGRICULTURAL & EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

11. Provide a brief narrative of your farming and/or ranching operation.

12. Do you have off the farm/ranch employment?  Yes  No If yes, please describe below.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

13. List participation in local, state or national organizations, indicating leadership role, level and year. Include such organizations as Farm Bureau, other agricultural related organizations, co-ops, banks, etc.; community/service (civic club, local government, church, school, etc.) and youth organizations (FFA, 4-H, etc.)

Organization/Office	Leadership Position	Level: Co. / St. / Nat.	Year
_____	_____	_____	-
_____	_____	_____	-
_____	_____	_____	-
_____	_____	_____	-
_____	_____	_____	-
_____	_____	_____	-
_____	_____	_____	-
_____	_____	_____	-

14. What additional awards and recognition have you received in the past?



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### IDEOLOGY AND ASPIRATIONS

15. List in order (I. = Most Needed) what do you believe are the five most needed skill sets/traits required of an effective agricultural leader.
- I.
  - II.
  - III.
  - IV.
  - V.
16. What are your agricultural leadership goals? How do you see the AgLead experience helping you to obtain these goals?
17. Name the leader you respect most and explain your reasoning.
18. Why do you desire to participate in the AgLead Program? What are your personal expectations of the program? How do you plan to use the AgLead experience?





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19. In 125 words or less, provide your insights into the greatest obstacle facing agriculture today.
20. After reviewing the tentative AgLead calendar, do you visualize any barriers with your family or farming/ranching enterprise that would hinder your participation in the program?  Yes  No If yes please list below.
21. If selected as an AgLead XIII participant, I understand and will comply with the following:
- a. Assignments outside of sessions will be given including, but not limited to:
    - a. Personally meeting with participant's state representative and state senator within their respective districts.
    - b. Responding to action request notifications.
    - c. Making presentation about Farm Bureau and/or agriculture to local/area group (civic club, educational institution, etc.).
  - b. Participants are expected to provide session reports to their stakeholders and write thank you notes to assigned session speakers by the given deadline.
  - c. Participants are required to provide an electronic tablet (iPad) or other similar device for use during and outside of scheduled sessions.
  - d. Participants are expected to attend each scheduled session. Should international travel be deemed unsafe, an additional domestic location is to be added to the schedule.
  - e. If a participant misses more than one session for any reason they are ineligible for the international trip or the domestic replacement for the international trip.
  - f. Participant payment of \$625 is due by January 31, 2017 and 2018 (\$1,250 total).





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- 22. Please have three letters of recommendation sent by the application deadline to Jamie Gipe, P.O. Box 2689, Waco, Texas 76702. Letters can be sent separately, or included with application.
- 23. Include individual picture of applicant when submitting application.
- 24. The information contained within this application is factual and true. The objectives of the AgLead Program are completely understood and it is agreed that the rules and procedures will be followed. It is known when tuition payments are to be made and those payments will be met within the time period prescribed. We have visited with our county Farm Bureau regarding AgLead and they are supportive of their financial commitment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Signature (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- 25. The \_\_\_\_\_ County Farm Bureau has agreed to sponsor the above named individual in the AgLead XIII program. It is known when tuition payments are to be made and those payments will be met within the time prescribed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Farm Bureau President's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Program Financing

Those interested in applying for the AgLead Program are to solicit approval to apply and financial support, if selected, from their county Farm Bureau Board of Directors prior to submitting an application.

Once applicants are selected for the AgLead Program, expenses for all travel, meals, lodging and other associated costs are either prepaid by the Texas Farm Bureau, or reimbursed upon submission of expense forms. Financial commitments by the individual and a sponsoring county Farm Bureau are as follows:

### County Farm Bureau

- A. The minimum support level is \$625 per year for a total of \$1,250 over the two-year program.
- B. The \$625 commitments are payable by January 31, 2017 & 2018

### Participant

- A. Each participant is to also contribute \$625 per year for a total of \$1,250 over the two-year program.
- B. The \$625 commitments are payable by January 31, 2017 & 2018
- C. Participants may solicit financial support from local businesses, corporations, or make the commitment themselves.



## **AgLead XIII Application Form Reference Letter Information Sheet**

Details relative to the three reference letters required as a part of the AgLead XIII application process are outlined below.

Should any questions arise after reading, please contact Jamie Gipe by calling 254-751-8703 or by emailing [jgipe@txfb.org](mailto:jgipe@txfb.org).

**1. The minimum of three required reference letters are due in the Waco office no later than September 2, 2016.**

2. Reference letters can be submitted with the application or the recommendation letter writer can send the recommendation letter directly to the following address by September 2:

Texas Farm Bureau  
Attention: Jamie Gipe  
P.O. Box 2689, Waco, TX 76702-2689

3. The reference letter should include the following items:

- a. Brief background about who the writer is
- b. Name of the applicant for whom the recommendation is written
- c. How long the writer has known the applicant
- d. The relationship between the writer and the applicant (business, friend, relative, etc.)
- e. Why the writer is recommending the applicant; why does the writer believe the applicant should be a part of the AgLead program
- f. What specific leadership characteristics does the writer see in the applicant
- g. Any other comments the writer desires to share about the applicant
- h. Letter writer's contact information
- i. Letter writer's signature

## **AgLead XIII Application Form**

### **Checklist...**

Remember the following items as a part of the AgLead application process:

- 1. Deadline for having the application at the Texas Farm Bureau state office in Waco is September 2, 2016.**
- 2. Include a picture of yourself with the application form.**
- 3. Under Item #22: Have three letters of recommendation sent to the AgLead Coordinator by the September 2 application deadline. Letters can be sent separately or included with application.**
- 4. Under Item #24: Ensure you and your spouse (if married) have signed the application form.**
- 5. Under Item #25: Ensure your county Farm Bureau President has signed the application form.**