



FarmLead VI APPLICATION FORM

Texas Farm Bureau's Farm and Ranch Managers Leadership, Education 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/FarmLead/> to complete the FarmLead VI application)

Personal Background

1. _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME NAME YOU GO BY

2. _____
STREET ADDRESS TOWN 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	_____	_____
_____	to	_____	_____



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20. After reviewing the tentative FarmLead calendar, do you visualize any barriers with your family or farming/ranching enterprise that would hinder your participation in the program? No _____ Yes _____
If yes, please list below.
21. List in order (I. most important; V less important) what you believe are the five skill sets and traits needed to be an effective agricultural leader.
- I. _____
- II. _____
- III. _____
- IV. _____
- V. _____
22. If selected as a FarmLead VI participant I understand and accept the following program expectations:
- I will be required to submit a written report to each of my stakeholders following the completion of each session; and I will be required to write thank you notes to assigned session speakers in a timely fashion.
 - Assignments will be given for completion outside of sessions, including but not limited to meeting with my State Representative and State Senator within their districts, responding to action request notifications, and delivering a local/area presentation on Farm bureau or agriculture.
 - An I-pad, tablet or similar device will be required for participation in FarmLead and I am willing to provide such device.
 - Serious consideration should be given to the physical requirements of program participation, including but not limited to: extended periods of standing and sitting; extensive walking; traversing uneven and potentially slippery ground; long hours; lifting personal luggage.
 - A one-time participant payment of \$500.00 is due by January 31, 2017.



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23. Please have a letter of introduction, from the president of applicant's sponsoring county Farm Bureau, or a county Farm Bureau board member. Send to Jamie Gipe, FarmLead Coordinator, P.O. Box 2689, Waco, TX 76702-2689 by the September 2 application deadline. Letter can be sent separately or included with application.
24. Include individual picture of applicant when submitting application.
25. The information contained within this application is factual and true. The objectives of the FarmLead Program are completely understood and it is agreed that the rules and procedures will be followed. It is known when tuition payment is to be made and the payment will be met within the time period prescribed. I have visited with my county Farm Bureau regarding FarmLead and they are supportive of their financial commitment.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Spouse's Signature (if applicable)

Date

26. The _____ County Farm Bureau has agreed to sponsor the above named individual in the FarmLead VI program. It is known when tuition payment is to be made and the payment will be met within the time prescribed.

County Farm Bureau President's Signature

Date



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Program Financing

Those interested in applying for the FarmLead Program are to solicit financial support from their county Farm Bureau prior to submitting an application.

Once applicants are selected for the FarmLead 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 county Farm Bureau support level per participant is \$500 for the five-session program.
- B. Lump sum payment of \$500 per participant is payable by January 31, 2017.

Individual

- A. The participant support level is \$500 for the five-session program.
- B. Lump sum payment of \$500 is payable by January 31, 2017.

FarmLead VI Application Form Letter of Introduction Information Sheet

Details relative to the "Letter of Introduction" required as a part of the FarmLead VI application process are outlined below.

Should any questions arise after reading, please contact FarmLead Program Coordinator Jamie Gipe by calling 254-751-8703 or by emailing jgipe@txfb.org.

1. **The one "Letter of Introduction" is due in the Waco office no later than September 2, 2016.**

2. The introduction letter can be submitted with the application or the introduction letter writer can send the letter directly to the following address by September 2, 2016:

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

3. The introduction letter should include the following items:
 - a. Letter writer is to be the president of the sponsoring county Farm Bureau, or a county Farm Bureau board member
 - b. Brief background about who the writer is
 - c. Name of the applicant for whom the introduction is written
 - d. How long the writer has known the applicant
 - e. The relationship between the writer and the applicant (business, friend, relative, etc.)
 - f. Brief introduction of applicant so reader can gain insights into the individual applying for FarmLead
 - g. Any other comments the writer desires to share about the applicant
 - h. Letter writer's contact information
 - i. Letter writer's signature

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Checklist...

Remember the following items as a part of the FarmLead 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: As the applicant, carefully review the program expectations.**
- ___4. Under Item #23: Please have a letter of introduction, preferably from the president of applicant's sponsoring county Farm Bureau or county Farm Bureau board member sent to the FarmLead Coordinator by the September 2 application deadline. Letter can be sent separately or included with application.**
- ___5. Under Item #25: As the applicant, ensure the application is signed and dated by you and your spouse (as applicable).**
- ___6. Under Item #26: Ensure your sponsoring county Farm Bureau president has signed and dated the application form.**