

Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program

The Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation was founded in 1981 for the purpose of delivering strong leaders to maintain a safe, secure, and sustainable food supply in America.

Through this 19-month Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program (IALP) the IALF takes a holistic approach to addressing the food concerns of the global community – through agribusiness and commodity groups, on the family farm, at food production companies, through volunteer organizations to feed underserved populations, and in local communities that nurture the lives of thousands of agricultural workers.

What are the requirements to participate in the program?

- Men and women ages 25-49
- Full-time employment in production agriculture or agri-related occupations
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident residing in Illinois or adjoining counties to Illinois and whose sphere of influence is in Illinois Agriculture.
- Demonstrate leadership qualities and potential
- Commitment to attend all seminars, including travel seminars
- Demonstrate a commitment to remain in an agricultural profession in Illinois during the 19-month program.
- Obtain written consent from employer (if applicable) to take off the required time.
- If self-employed must be able to leave the business for the required time.
- A spouse of a program graduate is eligible provided the applicant can demonstrate that his/her sphere of influence and activity is distinctly different from that of the earlier participating spouse.

For information about the application and selection process, costs and program details, go to

<https://agleadership.org/>

The office of the Illinois Agriculture Leadership Foundation is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST) Monday through Friday. Our staff will be glad to answer any questions you may have and look forward to hearing from you by calling 309-837-7711. The Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program is located at 402 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL.

The Cook County Farm Bureau is one of many Sponsors of the Program and will consider supporting members that are interested in participating.