

What you'll do in our two-year program:

- > Seven three-day sessions in North Carolina focused on personal and civic leadership development.
- > Study tour to Washington, D.C. to learn about agricultural policy.
- > A domestic study tour to learn about U.S. agriculture.
- > An international study tour focusing on global agriculture.



Our Mission

The N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Agricultural Leadership Development Program mission is to empower the next generation of agriculturalists with knowledge, experience and skills to become successful leaders in their businesses, their communities, their industries, their state and their nation. We provide our students with an immersive exposure to the ideas, perspectives, people, trends, and issues that will shape their lives, agriculture and the world in the 21st century, experiences that are not possible in the normal course of farm life and business. We challenge our students to expand their comfort zones, to develop critical thinking skills, to appreciate diversity in all its forms, to gain the ability to communicate with a wide variety of audiences, and to understand the impact that effective leadership can have to strengthen families, farms, businesses, communities and the world.

Are You Our Next Ag Leader?

Our proven leadership program prepares you for a top role in Ag in just two years.



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The N. C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Agricultural Leadership Development Program began in 1984 as a leadership program for flue-cured tobacco farmers.

Today, it is a nationally-recognized program for agriculturalists of all kinds who come to us to become stronger leaders.

More than 250 have graduated from our program, which is specifically designed to develop personal and civic leadership skills, including mastering self, conflict resolution, crucial conversations, negotiation and team building.

Participants experience in-depth personal leadership assessments and coaching to assist in understanding the results. They travel to study both domestic and international agriculture, and are trained in civic leadership.

Applications for the 2017-2019 program will be taken April 1 – May 15, 2017.

Participants are chosen through a competitive review and interview process.

Approximately 25 applicants will be chosen for the class beginning in October, 2017.

Apply or learn more at calsleadership.ces.ncsu.edu

What Our Grads Say:

"Prior to participating, I thought it would help develop my ability to share a passion for agriculture. I never dreamed this program would challenge me to evaluate "authentic self," increase my respect for the diversity of others, and provide hands-on experience to address problems currently facing agriculture. On a weekly basis I draw on the experiences and training and know it will serve as a cornerstone for my future."

Beth Farrell

N.C. Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services



"The program meant a lot to me. Growing up on a tobacco farm in the 80's, I can see how our world is forever changing. The leadership program recognizes that we need strong leaders to cope with those changes. The program first teaches you to master yourself. Then you sharpen your strengths and conquer your weaknesses. The one constant is change and with these leadership tools taken from the program, you will not fear change."

James Lamb

Prestage Farms and Farmer

"The leadership program helped me realize that I'm not just a number or a minority but a voice. It has helped me become more willing and accepting of serving in a leadership role."

Der Holcomb

N.C. Cooperative Extension



"The leadership program has undoubtedly changed my life, the skills that I learned have made me a better husband, father, and employee."

Zach Taylor

Helena Chemical Company



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