



CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applicants must be actively involved in farming, ranching, a business closely related to agriculture and/or a business or service integral to rural communities whose agricultural or natural resource economic base is significant.
- Preference will be given to candidates with at least three years of Colorado residency prior to applying.
- Preference will be given to applicants who are early to mid-career in their profession or vocation and are recognized as “emerging” leaders.
- Applicants must demonstrate leadership qualities and potential as evidenced by community, political or organizational activities shown on the application.
- Each candidate’s character and reputation as indicated by references or inquiry in the community will reflect probable leadership capability and potential for growth.
- Consideration will be given to the interest and willingness of the candidate to commit the necessary time, energy and finances to the program. Seminars will begin in late October to early November and conclude by early April. Year one will include five seminars and year two will include two national seminars as well as two in-state seminars.
- No specific academic achievement in terms of college training is required. Each candidate will be evaluated in terms of their ability to meaningfully participate in all seminars, outside readings, written assignments and self-expression during interviews.

The applicant must support and abide by all policies, rules and requirements of the Colorado Agricultural and Rural Leadership program.