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NEBRASKA LEAD APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Fellowship applications for Nebraska LEAD (Leadership Education/Action Development) Group 33 are now available for men and women involved in production agriculture or agribusiness. Just like I said last year, please give me a call if you are interested and I will support your application any way I can.

Thirty applicants are selected from five geographic areas across Nebraska. In Saline County, talk to Terry O'Neel, David McCracken, Scott Spohn or Harold Janda from the Friend area about their experiences and this opportunity. Other Saline County LEAD program graduates include Troy McCain, DeWitt; Sheryl Kastanek, Wilber; Terry Dittmer, Crete; and Brandy VanDeWalle, Ohioa (formerly Wilber). When you talk to them you just know it was a program they benefited from in many ways. Another good contact from last year's LEAD class is Chris Hartwig, Seed Sales, Farmers Cooperative branch in Milford Agronomy.

In addition to monthly seminars throughout Nebraska, from mid-September through early- April each year, Nebraska LEAD Fellows also participate in a 10-day National Study/Travel Seminar and a two-week International Study/Travel Seminar. So yes, it is a commitment but for those that set a goal to set by the time, it is a tremendous experience.

The Agricultural Industry in Nebraska touches a lot of people. A new generation of leaders will be needed to cope and lead around complex issues in the future. The Nebraska LEAD program is well positioned to continue to help and teach a new generation. To look at Nebraska LEAD Program Alumni over its storied history, from 1981- 2012, go to <http://bit.ly/10nee1v>.

Terry Hejny, who is in charge of the program at IANR, said seminar themes are multifaceted and include leadership assessment and potential, natural resources and energy, agricultural policy, leadership through communication, our political process, global perspectives, nuclear energy, social issues, understanding and developing leadership skills, agribusiness and marketing, advances in health care and a greater understanding of the resources and people of Nebraska's Panhandle.

The Nebraska LEAD Program is designed to prepare the spokespersons, problem-solvers and decision makers for Nebraska and its agricultural industry. In its 33rd year, the program is operated by the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, a nonprofit organization, in collaboration with the University of Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and in cooperation with Nebraska colleges and universities, business and industry, and individuals throughout the state.

Applications are due no later than June 15th and are available via e-mail from the Nebraska LEAD Program. Please contact Shana at sgerdes2@unl.edu. You can also request an application by writing Biochemistry Hall, Room 318, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 68583-0763 or by calling (402) 472-6810. Visit www.lead.unl.edu for information about the selection process.



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