



**Peanut Leadership Academy Application
2016-18 – Class X
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Program Objective

To provide intensive training opportunities, develop and improve leadership skills and industry understanding for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia peanut growers, as well as sheller representatives.

Sponsorship

The Peanut Leadership Academy is an education project coordinated by the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation and sponsored by Syngenta Crop Protection and the American Peanut Shellers Association.

Curriculum

Activities are structured to give participants a thorough understanding of the U.S. peanut industry. Participants spend approximately 20 days participating in field trips, meetings with industry leadership and professional development training concentrated in the following program areas: government affairs, peanuts & international markets, policy development, professional development, research and marketing, and U.S. peanut industry.

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must:

- 1) Derive their primary livelihood from farming and currently produce peanuts.
- 2) Preferably be between the ages of 30 and 45 on or before July 1, 2016.
- 3) Make a commitment to the Peanut Leadership Academy and agree to attend all sessions (approximately 20 days of travel), except in time of illness or family emergency.
- 4) Provide a completed application.

Cost: Candidates cover local transportation to and from meetings. (i.e. Transportation to airport and to local events).

Program Calendar

There are approximately five sessions throughout a two-year period. Session dates & activities are finalized at least 30 days to departure. Times and dates below are tentative and may be changed.

Target dates for the 2016-18 class are as follows:

<u>Session & Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Session 1 – December 2016	Orientation & Training – Southeast
Session 2 – Spring 2017	Southeast
Session 3 – Summer 2017	Texas Session
Session 4 – Feb/March 2018	Washington, D.C.
Session 5 – Summer 2018	Graduation—To be determined

Applications must be postmarked no later than Sept. 1, 2016.

Mail your completed application to your state contact:

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Full Name: _____
Preferred Name/Nickname: _____

Home Address: _____
Home Telephone: _____
Office Telephone: _____
Mobile Telephone: _____
FAX: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Birthdate & Birthplace: _____
Marital Status: _____ Spouse's Name: _____
Children: _____ Children names: _____
U.S. Citizen: Yes No

Answers to questions below may be listed on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Have you previously applied for the program? Yes No
2. Education: *List all schools attended, including high school, college and/or short courses:*
3. Leadership Positions and Organizations: *(List the leadership and policy-making positions you have held. Indicate past and current offices and memberships held in organizations, including high school, college, civic and government affiliations; the level (local, county, statewide, etc.) of these positions; and dates served.*
4. List any honors or awards you have received:
5. Why would you like to participate in the Peanut Leadership Program (200 words or less)?

Do you agree to attend and participate in program activities and sessions? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____