



FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

2023 – 2025 Young Farmers & Ranchers Leadership Group, Class 10

Applications are now available for the 2023 – 2025 Young Farmers & Ranchers Leadership Group, Class 10. This is a two year leadership development and training program designed to prepare the next generation of farmers and ranchers with the leadership skills and confidence to represent agriculture at the local, state, and national level. This program focuses on personal growth, public speaking, media training, legislative awareness, issue advocacy and service leadership while learning more about the diversity of Florida's agriculture industry.

The YF&R Leadership Program will utilize several methods in developing the leadership skills and knowledge of its participants.

- Educational opportunities and experiences for young members to learn more about the history, philosophy, structure, programs and services of the Farm Bureau Federation.
- Leadership training for young members so they can become better prepared to assume the responsibilities of leadership and positively promote agriculture and Farm Bureau.
- Opportunities for young members to actively participate in all Farm Bureau activities at county, state and national levels.
- Personal/professional skill development sessions designed to help participants understand themselves and how to effectively work and communicate with others.

The Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) Leadership Group is composed of appointed Florida Farm Bureau Federation members between the ages of 18 and 35 years, representing each of the eight Florida Farm Bureau Field Districts. Appointments are made for a two-year term, during which members participate in a study/travel program of approximately 45 days, conducted in thirteen (13) seminars. Twelve seminars will be held in selected locations throughout Florida, one will be held in Washington DC and one will be held out-of-state for the American Farm Bureau Federation YF&R Leadership Conference.

Qualifications

- Participants shall be voting (active) Florida Farm Bureau members, as defined by the Florida Farm Bureau Federation By-Laws Article 5 Section 2.
- FFBF membership in good standing for minimum of one (1) year prior the Young Farmers & Ranchers Leadership Program as of October 1.
- Must be between the ages of 18 and 35 years, and will not turn 36 years prior to October 31, 2025.
- Participants shall not be salaried employees of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation or its affiliates.



Florida Farm Bureau Federation 2023 – 2025 *Tentative* Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Location
<i>Seminar I</i> November 9 th - 11 th , 2023	Orientation	Gainesville, FL
<i>Seminar II</i> January 2024	Farm Bureau Days	Tallahassee, FL
<i>Seminar III</i> March 8 -12, 2024	AFBF YF&R Conference	Omaha, Nebraska
<i>Seminar IV</i> May 9 th – 11 th , 2024	Leadership Training	Gainesville, FL
<i>Seminar V</i> July 12 th – 14 th , 2024	State YF&R Conference	TBA
<i>Seminar VI</i> August 8 th – 10 th , 2024	Leadership Training	Gainesville, FL
<i>Seminar VII</i> October 2024	FFBF Annual Meeting	TBA

Seminar VIII January 2025	FL Agriculture Farm Tours	TBD
Seminar IX March 2025	Farm Bureau Days	Tallahassee, FL
Seminar X April/May 2025	Field to the Hill	Washington, DC
Seminar XI May 8 th – 10 th , 2025	Leadership Training	Gainesville, FL
Seminar XII July 2025	State YF&R Conference	TBD
Seminar XIII October 2025	FFBF Annual Meeting Program Graduation	TBD

**** Tentative Dates**

To apply, visit <https://www.floridafarmbureau.org/programs/young-farmers-and-ranchers/>. Applications must be submitted through Formstack.

Application deadline: Friday, July 14th, 2023 at 11:59pm (EST).

Questions, please contact the program coordinator at Michele.Curts@ffbf.org.