



TEXAS FORESTRY
A S S O C I A T I O N
 LEADERS EMERGING ACROSS FORESTRY

A leadership development program

OUR MISSION

The Texas Forestry Association Leaders Emerging Across Forestry program will create a cadre of forestry leaders to help ensure effective understanding and encourage positive action on key issues, policy and economics that will advance society through forest management and forest products.

OUR GOAL

Identify and develop future Texas Forestry Association leaders whose engagement will increase the influence of the forestry community for the betterment of their businesses, communities, and themselves.

Providing a grassroots organization with the support we need for the future of our work.

DESCRIPTION

The LEAF program is a competitive leadership development program that includes seminars with experts, on-site tours, and meetings with business and government leaders.

This 18-month program will invest 120 hours of training per person through six sessions of seminars, speakers, and field trips covering primary forestry and agriculture related topics.

Funding will come from participant tuition, business support and grant opportunities. LEAF is designed for people in the early stages of their careers to develop a broad understanding of forestry in Texas and beyond.

For Texas Forestry to remain viable and influential in a dynamic world, well-informed leaders must emerge.

PROGRAM FACTS

- LEAF is a competitive leadership development program for Texas Forestry Association leaders who come from all sectors of TFA's membership: industrial and non-industrial forest landowners, harvesting contractors, foresters, and manufacturers.
- Cohort members are required to be actively involved in forestry, or a business closely related to agriculture.
- There are no age restrictions and class size will be approximately 10.
- Tuition is \$3,600 which includes room and board for 8 days and nights.
- LEAF has six seminars with 10 days of intense participation including guest speakers, current leaders, tours, on-site visits, receptions, discussions, and leadership course work.
- LEAF is an 18-month program which invests 120 hours of training per person through six sessions of seminars, speakers, and field trips covering various forestry and related agriculture fields.
- There are 4 two-day seminars that cover the current issues facing Texas and forestry with 2 3-day seminars covering the Texas Legislature and adjacent agriculture with similar policy and regulatory burdens.

SHARING

The LEAF program offers participants the opportunity to take a closer look at all aspects of the forest sector. TFA did an excellent job designing and carrying out the program. Knowledge gained at each session built upon lessons learned at previous sessions. However, the program focused on more than just education. The relationships built, and friends gained through the program will last throughout your career. I highly recommend the program!

-Michelle Moore, Texas A&M Forest Service

"Being part of the LEAF program not only provided many connections and friendships with other individuals across the forest industry, but it really opened my eyes to just how connected and important the forest industry is to everything around us. You really get a feel at each session. Though the topics typically differ, the connections made to forest and the industry seems to always be there."

-Jason Ashen, Manulife Forest Management

"The LEAF program has broadened my forestry knowledge and my network. It has been an informative experience and assisted me in connecting with individuals within the Texas Forestry Association community."

"My understanding of work opportunities within forestry has expanded tremendously from my experience in the LEAF program, and the ability to have a cohort with a variety skillset has been beneficial. As a consultant and landowner managing forest stands, this has been a valuable experience for me."

-Chrystal Beasley, Forest Landowner