



# Peanut Leadership Academy Application

## 2023-25 – Class XIII

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### Program Objective

To provide training opportunities, develop and improve leadership skills and industry understanding for U.S. 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 United States 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 and international markets, policy development, professional development, research and marketing, and U.S. peanut industry.

### Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must:

- 1) Derive primary livelihood from farming and currently produce peanuts.
- 2) Be preferably between the ages of 22 and 45 on or before July 1, 2023.
- 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 to Participate

Participants cover local transportation to and from meetings (i.e. transportation to airport and to local events), as well as occasional meals.

### Program Calendar

There are five sessions throughout a two-year period. Session dates & activities are finalized at least 60 days to departure. Times and dates below are tentative and may be changed.

**Target dates** for the 2023-25 class are as follows:

<u>Session &amp; Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Session 1 – December 10-14, 2023	Orientation & Training – Savannah, GA
Session 2 – March 2024	Southeast – Tifton, GA
Session 3 – August 2024	Texas Session – Lubbock, TX
Session 4 – Feb/March 2025	Washington, D.C.
Session 5 – July 2025	Graduation – Location TBD

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(Must be postmarked or emailed no later than Oct. 1, 2023)

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. As a peanut farmer, do you derive your primary livelihood from farming?  Yes  No  N/A
2. As a peanut farmer, do you currently produce peanuts?  Yes  No  N/A
3. Have you previously applied for the program?  Yes  No
4. Education: *List all schools attended, including high school, college and/or short courses:*
  
5. 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.*
  
6. List any honors or awards you have received:

7. Why would you like to participate in the Peanut Leadership Program (200 words or less)?

Do you agree to attend and participate in all program activities and sessions, except in times of illness or family emergency?  Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*You may email or mail your completed application to your state contact below or send directly to [jessie@gapeanuts.com](mailto:jessie@gapeanuts.com).*

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