



Contact Information

Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>First Name</small>	<small>Middle Name (optional)</small>	<small>Last Name</small>

Preferred Name (For Name Tag)*

Home Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>ZIP Code</small>

City

State

ZIP Code

Date of Birth*

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>month</small>	<small>Day</small>	<small>year</small>

month

Day

year

Preferred Email Address*

Preferred Phone Number*

Preferred Phone Type*

- Cell
 Office
 Home

Marital Status*

- Single
 Married
 Significant Other

Have you previously applied for WLI?*

- Yes
 No

I have confirmed that my contact information is correctly entered above.*

- Yes

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Educational Background

List all schools attended, including high schools, colleges, and/or short courses.

	Name of School/Short Course Attended	Approximate Start Date	Approximate End Date	Degree/Certificate Earned
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Occupation Information

Employment Type *

- Self-Employed
- Employed by an Organization
- Both (you receive wages from an employer and also operate your own business or freelance work)

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Occupation Details (Self-Employed)

The following questions are required if you selected that you are self-employed.

Occupation Type*

- Full-Time
 Part-Time

Name of Business/Organization*

Business Mailing Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Business Phone Number*

Title or Position*

Total number of years in your present occupation*

What led you to pursue this occupation?*

Briefly describe the type of enterprise including commodities, products, or services (major one first), size of operation, and number of employees in addition to yourself.*

Briefly describe your responsibilities in this operation.*

What percentage of your operation do you (and your spouse) currently own?*

What other employment have you held in previous years? Include dates, the name of the employer, and duties while employed.*

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Occupation Details (Employed by an Organization)

The following questions are required if you selected that you are employed by an organization.

Occupation Type*

- Full-Time
 Part-Time

Name of Business/Organization*

Business Mailing Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Business Phone Number*

Title or Position*

Total number of years in your present occupation*

What led you to pursue this occupation?*

Name of Supervisor*

Supervisor's Title or Position*

How many employees are there in addition to yourself?*

Briefly describe your employer's organization and its main work or purpose.*

Please describe your current role/responsibilities and any previous positions you have held with your present employer.*

Please describe your current role/responsibilities and any previous positions you have held with your present employer.*

What employment have you held in previous years other than the present employer? Include dates, the name of the employer, and duties while employed.*

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Occupation Details (Self-Employed and Employed by an Organization)

The following questions are required if you selected that you are both self-employed *and* employed by an organization.

Please answer the following questions regarding your **self-employment**.

Occupation Type*

- Full-Time
 Part-Time

Name of Business/Organization*

Business Mailing Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Business Phone Number*

Title or Position*

Total number of years in your present (self-employed) occupation*

What led you to pursue this occupation?*

Briefly describe the type of enterprise including commodities, products, or services (major one first), size of operation, and number of employees in addition to yourself.*

Briefly describe your responsibilities in this operation.*

What percentage of your operation do you (and your spouse) currently own?*

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Occupation Details (Self-Employed and Employed by an Organization)

The following questions are required if you selected that you are both self-employed *and* employed by an organization.

Please answer the following questions regarding **your employment with an organization.**

Occupation Type*

- Full-Time
 Part-Time

Name of Business/Organization*

Business Mailing Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Business Phone Number*

Title or Position*

Total number of years in your present occupation*

What led you to pursue this occupation?*

Name of Supervisor*

Supervisor's Title or Role*

How many employees are there in addition to yourself?*

Briefly describe your employer's organization and its main work or purpose.*

Please describe your current role/responsibilities and any previous positions you have held with your present employer.*

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Organizational Involvement and Leadership

Please describe leadership roles you have taken on that fall outside your day-to-day job responsibilities. These could involve industry groups, non-profits, civic groups, churches, sports clubs, or other activities. Include the position you held, the organization, and the time period.

	Organization	Position/Title	Approx. Dates of Involvement
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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From the organizations listed above, identify two projects or programs for which you provided leadership. These can be with more than one organization, or the same organization. For each, describe what you did to initiate, organize, set goals, secure resources, or implement action.

Example:

"As a member of the County Development Council, I organized "Visions: 21st Century" planning project with a final report submitted to the County Commissioners. My contributions to this effect were..."

Project or program #1*

Project or program #2*

Have you participated in any formal leadership training or programs? Please list each program and include associated organizations and dates.*

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Awards

List any awards and honors you have received.

	Organization/Grantor	Award/Honor	Date Received
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Media Sources

Indicate your professional and leisure reading sources in the past year.

	1	2	3
Newspapers	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Magazines	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Books	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Websites	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please indicate any social media platforms you use.

- Facebook
- X (formerly Twitter)
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- Other

Please provide the name of your local newspaper.*

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Leadership Philosophy

Name two individuals whom you personally know and consider to be effective, forward-thinking, and innovative leaders in your industry, community, or state. For each person, explain why you view them as a leader.

Name of Leader (#1)*

Leader (#1) Title or Role*

Why did you select this leader? *

Name of Leader (#2)*

Leader (#2) Title or Role*

Why did you select this leader?*

What is your personal leadership philosophy?*

Describe a situation in which you had to change your mind about something. What led you to change your view?*

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Understanding of Current Issues

Briefly describe what you consider to be the most important issues (no more than three) facing your community, state, and/or nation, and why those issues are the most important. This section has a 2,500 character limit. *

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Understanding of the Program

Why would you like to participate in the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources?*

How do you expect to offer leadership for Florida agriculture and/or natural resources into the future?*

If selected, how would you contribute to Class XIII and/or the WLI program?*

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Scholarship Information

Class XIII Tuition is \$7,000. Tuition can be paid in one payment at the beginning of the program or divided into two payments. Several partial tuition scholarships ranging from \$2,500 - \$3,500 are available and awarded through a competitive selection process.

Do you anticipate that your employer will cover your tuition?*

Required field

- Yes
- No

Would you like to apply for a scholarship?*

- Yes
- No

Please indicate your total household income. *

- Under \$50,000
- \$50,000–\$99,999
- \$100,000–\$149,999
- \$150,000–\$199,999
- \$200,000 and above

How would a scholarship be beneficial to your participation in Class XIII? *

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Spouse/Significant Other

Spouse/Significant Other Name

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Class XIII Schedule

Seminar	Date	Location
Seminar I	November 17-20, 2026	Gainesville*
Seminar II	January 11-15, 2027	Miami/Homestead
Seminar III	March 15-19, 2027	Tallahassee/Panhandle
Seminar IV	May 18-20, 2027	SW Florida/Belle Glade
Seminar V	July 13-15, 2027	Gainesville/North Central FL
Seminar VI	October 4-13, 2027	Washington DC, Additional State
Seminar VII	December 7-9, 2027	Apopka/Orlando*
Seminar VIII	February 22-24, 2028	Plant City/Haines City
Seminar IX	April 18-20, 2028	Gainesville/Cedar Key
Seminar X	June 9-24, 2028	International Seminar - TBD
Seminar XI	Late July/Early August 2028	Graduation*

*Seminars that include a spousal component.

Participation in the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources requires approximately **55 days of travel** throughout the 22-month program. A typical seminar day includes back-to-back programming from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm.

We understand the important roles spouses and significant others play in the success of a WLI participant. Do you support your spouse/significant other's decision to complete this program if they are chosen?

- Yes
 No

(Optional) Please share how you think your spouse/significant other could grow through this experience.

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References

List three business and/or personal references. (Do not include family members.)

	Name*	Relationship to Reference	Email Address	Phone
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Additional Information

Have you ever been charged with a crime?*

- Yes
 No

Is there anything that has not been asked in this application that you think the Selection Committee should know about you?

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Use of Artificial Intelligence

Did you use any artificial intelligence tools to aid in completing this application? If so, briefly describe how you used those tools.*

Submit Your Application

Thank you for your interest in the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources. Upon submission of your application, you can expect an automated email confirmation. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Anne Parrish at anne.parrish@ufl.edu.

Applicants will be notified regarding next steps in late June. Top applicants will be invited to a Class XIII Selection Seminar in August. These seminars are held in multiple locations throughout the state.

Selection Seminar Dates/Locations:

- August 19 - Belle Glade, FL
- August 20 - Bartow, FL
- August 24 - Gainesville, FL

Participation in one of the selection seminars is required to be considered for Class XIII.

If you have any questions or about the program, please contact Christy Chiarelli at ccw@ufl.edu.

Please use the green "Submit Form" button below to submit your application.

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