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### **Class XIII Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **When do nominations open for Class XIII?**

Nominations will open on Monday, **February 2, 2026**.

#### **Are self-nominations accepted?**

Yes, self-nominations are accepted for Class XIII. Self-nominations must also submit two references.

#### **Who can be nominated?**

Nominees must be at least 25 years old by the application deadline (May 15, 2026). Nominees must be a resident of Florida for the past year and earn a substantial portion of their personal income from the agriculture and/or natural resources sector.

#### **When is the application deadline?**

Applications will be due May 15, 2026.

#### **What happens after I submit my application?**

Applications are reviewed and scored by the selection committee. The highest scoring candidates will be invited to participate in a selection seminar. Invitations to selection seminars will be extended by June 15, 2026. Candidates can select the location most convenient for them. Each location can hold up to 20 applicants. Once 20 applicants register at a location, that selection seminar location will be closed to further candidates.

#### **What are the dates and locations of the selection seminars?**

- **August 19, 2026** – Belle Glade
- **August 20, 2026** – Bartow
- **August 24, 2026** – Gainesville

#### **When will Class XIII be announced?**

The class will be announced no later than October 2, 2026.

#### **What is the tuition cost for Class XIII?**

Tuition is based off the projected cost per person for the 22-month experience. Participants pay one-third of the total cost, and the program endowment pays two-thirds. The tuition for Class XIII will be \$7,000.

#### **Are scholarships available?**

Yes! Partial scholarships are available and interested candidates may apply for scholarships at the time of application.



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### Is attendance at all seminars mandatory?

Yes, attendance at all seminars is mandatory. If you have a conflict with any of the dates below, please wait to be considered for a future class.

### When are the seminar dates?

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*

\* Denotes seminars that include designated participation opportunities for spouses or significant others