



Dress Code For Ag Leadership Seminars and Official Events

Many fellows ask about our dress code. We have provided the following guidelines, because as fellows during seminars, you are representatives of the program, the foundation and the California agricultural industry. Remember, when in doubt, there are always “old reliable” options like darker colors and other items mentioned below that will be useful and appreciated.

We generally select one of two dress codes – business formal or business casual – for the activities for a given day at a seminar. The selection is based on the location, the activity and the person(s) with whom we are meeting. Some of the guidelines may seem to go back to some of the “older” dress guidelines, but the more casual business attire seen in some current workplaces is viewed as not appropriate in the political realm we visit in California, Washington, D.C., and internationally (such as the U.S. Embassy).

BUSINESS FORMAL

Women:

- A suit (with pants or skirt) or a dress with comfortable shoes will serve you well.
- Fortunately, women’s clothing items lend themselves to combining many items (even from the business casual category below) to complete a fashionable ensemble.

Men:

- A dark colored suit and tie and comfortable dress shoes are recommended.
- In some situations, khakis with a dress shirt, a tie and suit jacket will work well (especially during travel seminars).

BUSINESS CASUAL

Women:

- A skirt of reasonable length or pants of non-jeans material combined with a top (such as a dress shirt or sweater set) is recommended.
- Scarves, blazers and business jackets are useful.
- There are many styles of fashionable flats and heels. Many seminar activities require walking, so pay close attention to comfort.
- A collared shirt (dress or polo) combined with khakis or darker colored pants with a belt.
- Blazers or business jackets are useful to complete your fashionable look.

Men:

- A collared shirt (dress or polo) combined with khakis or darker colored pants with a belt.
- Blazers or business jackets are useful to complete a fashionable look.

Men and Women:

- Jeans, T-shirts, athletic shoes and flip-flops are not acceptable.
- Some excellent suggestions (as well as some additional items not to include) can be found on the following sites. We strongly suggest you consult these sites or find other sites on your own.
<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/business-formal-attire.html>
<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/casual-business-dress-code.html>