Welcome to the Ag Leadership Family

As the spouse/life partner of a fellow, you are an integral, respected and welcome participant in the Ag Leadership journey. Your sincere interest and support helps to ensure a successful experience for all individuals involved.

We understand that there is a real balancing act with work responsibilities, family priorities, volunteer obligations and personal needs. Ag Leadership is an additional commitment – so how will it fit into your family’s life?

Our wish is to make the Ag Leadership Program a positive, rewarding and fun learning experience for all family members. In this guide we provide answers to frequently asked questions, a list of benefits and challenges, and tips from other spouses that we hope will help you during the journey.

Families New to the Ag Leadership Program

How will Ag Leadership fit into your family’s life? Learn more about the seminars, time commitment, communication, unique learning opportunities and new friendships.

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What happens if there is an emergency that occurs during the seminar?**

In the rare event that an emergency occurs, the staff members in the AGC office are in constant touch with the staff leading the seminar and can relay safety information to the class while they are traveling. For the fellows, the program is designed to help them in unforeseen circumstances. The program has an emergency response plan and a list of contacts for each location. In the event of an emergency, the fellows will be contacted to ensure their safety. The program's emergency response plan includes clear instructions and guidelines for handling unforeseen circumstances. Additionally, in the event of an emergency, the program will provide immediate assistance to the family to ensure their safety. If an emergency occurs, the program's emergency response plan will be activated, and the family will be contacted to ensure their safety.

**How should I plan if I expect my spouse/life partner to return from a seminar?**

The program is designed to allow for the family to plan and develop a meaningful experience while their spouse/life partner is attending a seminar. It is important that the family plans ahead, so they can be prepared for the return of their spouse/life partner. This includes planning for travel arrangements, accommodations, and activities that the family can enjoy together. The program will provide information about the seminar location and the itinerary to help the family plan their visit. The program will also provide information about local activities and transportation options. The program recommends planning for a family reunion or informal gathering to allow the family to connect and spend quality time together.

**What is the best way to help my spouse/life partner prepare for a seminar?**

To help your spouse/life partner prepare for a seminar, it is important to provide them with information about the seminar, the itinerary, and the city or country where the seminar will be held. This includes information about the local culture, transportation options, and accommodations. It is also important to encourage your spouse/life partner to pack for the seminar, including any necessary clothing, shoes, and toiletries. The program will provide a packing list to help your spouse/life partner prepare for the seminar. Additionally, it is important to encourage your spouse/life partner to communicate with you during their seminar, so you can stay connected and be aware of their needs.

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**How much homework will be required of the families to get together?**

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**Are there opportunities for the families to travel together?**

Yes. At the four seminars that include a spouse/life partner, there is an opportunity to travel together. The program will plan some informal gatherings outside of seminars to allow families to connect. During the seminar, the focus will be on learning, sharing ideas, and building relationships between the families.

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**What if we have other obligations, can a fellow miss a seminar?**

The program requires that the AG Leadership fellows complete all of the seminars. The program considers the fellows' obligations, but the fellows are required to attend all of the seminars. If a fellow cannot attend a seminar, they must make arrangements with another fellow to attend in their place. The program will provide information about alternative arrangements, including the possibility of attending a seminar via video conference. The program's emergency response plan will be activated, and the family will be contacted to ensure their safety.

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**How are national and international seminar locations selected?**

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