# Governing Texas

counties requires dynamic leadership. Are Texas's county leaders up to the challenge?

How they respond to the challenges of limited resources, increasing demands for services, emerging technologies, and changing demographics has effects that will reach far into the future.

The Commissioners Court Leadership Academy can help county judges and commissioners to fulfill their potential. By building their leadership skills, these important officials will be better equipped to meet the needs of their counties and the people they serve.









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### **Program Overview**

The Commissioners Court Leadership Academy is a 2-year program that builds advanced skills and knowledge in pursuit of four objectives:

- To increase knowledge of the origins and varying systems of county government and the interrelationship of local, state, and national government systems.
- To develop communication and interpersonal skills to more effectively present ideas and work with community members, colleagues, the media, and other elected officials.
- To enhance personal leadership and decision-making skills to better represent and lead constituents, counties, and associations.
- To improve the ability to serve as an advocate for county issues at all levels of government.

Important expectations of all Academy participants are:

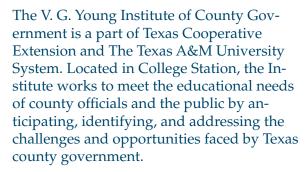
- ◆ An open and inquiring mind.
- ♦ A willingness to learn.
- A commitment to actively participate in Academy activities and experiences.
- A commitment to greater service for the betterment of Texas county government.

Academy participation requires a time commitment of 16 days during the 2-year program period. The schedule includes three 3-day sessions and one 7-day session, including travel time to and from the meeting locations.

#### Selection to the Academy

Selection is based on a competitive process in which interested county judges and commissioners apply to participate in the program.

Successful candidates for the Academy pay a tuition fee which includes all sessions, accommodations, and out-of-state travel. Costs for in-state travel are borne by the participant.



The Institute offers educational programs, reference materials, and counsel to county officials, community organizations, and citizens across the state. The Institute is dedicated to the Extension mission of "providing quality, relevant outreach and continuing education programs and services to the people of Texas." For more information about the Commissioners Court Leadership Academy or to learn how you can support this program, contact:



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