

***Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr.,
Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL)***

E: Application

TALL XX

2026-2028

Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr., Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) invites you to apply to be among a select group of outstanding leaders. **TYPE ONLY**

1. Personal Information:

Name: Last First Middle
(As used on Picture ID)

Name Preferred on Name Tag

Home Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County

Business Address City Zip Code

E-mail Address:

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2. Have you applied for the TALL program previously? Yes No

If yes, in what years

3. Did you participate in 4-H or FFA? Yes No

If yes, how many year and in which county or school district

4. How did you find out about the program?

Alumni Class Member Board Member Extension

Media Sponsor Ag Leader Commodity Leader

Other

5. Work Experience:

List years of employment post University graduation or if you did not attend University, list years of employment post High School Graduation. **Note: Required 3 years full-time employment post University graduation or 7 years full time employment post High School Graduation.**

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6. Education and Training:

Provide information regarding your education including high school, university, graduate school or other pertinent education (school/location, years attended, degree). List all schools and universities attended by name.

List high school:

List university or universities:

Describe other education and training:

6. Occupation Information:

Current occupation:

Company or farm/ranch name:

Position:

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Commodities/products/services:

I have significant involvement in agricultural production and/or rural communities: Yes No

I have a significant involvement in agribusiness or providing services to agriculture: Yes No

Agricultural Production Experience:

List and describe your full-time and part-time production (farming, ranching, growing, managing) agricultural experience. Include all livestock, crops, location, size and related data. (Ex: produce beef, corn, wheat, cotton, poultry, hay, etc.)

Agribusiness Working Experience:

List and describe any non-production or agri-business related to agriculture (i.e., Ag chemicals, Ag education, Ag sales, etc.). List the most recent first

7. Organization and Community Experience:

List major awards or recognition received to date. Include educational institutions, college level, business or field endeavors. (Specify school name)

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Describe your volunteer, civic, community and church related activities

Outline your leadership role in developing and carrying out a specific program or project. (Note any special awards or recognition.) Include specific examples of your leadership experience, memberships and service.

List and briefly describe any other accomplishments, skills and awards that you consider significant.

8. Personal Travel, Interests:

List three books, articles, movies or speakers that have given you useful insights during the past years.

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Briefly describe your foreign travel, if any. Indicate countries visited, travel dates, purpose of travel (business or pleasure):

List interests, hobbies:

9. Essay Section:

Answer the following questions on separate pages. Confine your answers to the specified word limitation. Put your name on each sheet of paper. Be sure that the separate pages are all attached to the application before mailing.

A. Please justify your inclusion in either category of participation:
(1) Production Agriculture, (2) Agribusiness (100 words or less)

Eligibility Requirements: Each applicant must be able to justify placement in one of the following two categories:

Category I (production agriculture): The applicant must have a significant involvement as an owner, operator, employee, officer, or director of a farming or ranching operation or major division of a cooperation where the principal portion of the income is a direct result of the production of crops, ornamental and/or turf crops and livestock, including horses.

Category II (agribusiness): The applicant must have a significant involvement in the business of buying, from selling to educating, financing or providing other services to farmers, ranchers and persons or organizations engaged in or serving production agriculture and/or the food and fiber industry. Persons employed by public agencies, providing such services to agricultural producers, are equally eligible to apply. (Faculty of colleges, universities, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and secondary school systems working in agricultural fields are not eligible to participate. Selection Criteria, page 1).

B. Please discuss an important issue facing agriculture today. What is one specific idea of yours for addressing the issue? (250 words or less)

C. Please discuss an important community or state issue. What is one specific idea of yours for addressing this issue? (250 words or less)

D. Help us learn something about what is important to you and why. What relationships, feelings, and ideas do you value? What do you stand for or against? Why should you be selected to participate in this program? What does leadership mean to you? How would you expect to use the knowledge and experience gained? (400 words or less)

Please read before signing:

I certify that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith. I know and understand that all items may be verified. I agree and understand that any misrepresentations or omission of material facts herein may cause disqualification of my application. I agree to release any information contained in my application and all attachments.

I understand that the number of applicants may be greater than the number of positions, and only some of the applicants may be invited for interviews. I give my permission for this application, including all attachments, to be shared and/or copied for these purposes. I understand that the final selection of applicants is the sole responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program.

If selected, I have my company/organization support for my participation, and I will make every effort to attend all nine (9) seminars and one (1) graduation in their entirety. I understand that excessive absence will be reported to the TALL Advisory Board for potential action, including termination from the program. Also, if selected, I will remit to TALL the tuition fee of \$3,000. I understand the tuition fee is non-refundable.

Signature

Date

Name

Deadline: Application and requested materials must be postmarked NO LATER than March 15, 2026

Your application cannot be considered until all requested information and attachments have been received.

SEND TO:

Please return by March 15, 2026 to:

Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus, Regents Fellow and Leadership Program Director
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All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision by June 2026