



TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

March 5, 2026

**TO: County Farm Bureau Presidents
County Office Secretaries
County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee Chairs**

FROM: TFBF Special Programs Division

RE: TN Leadership Summit – June 1-5, 2026

Dear County Leaders:

Tennessee Farm Bureau is pleased to be a major sponsor of the Tennessee Leadership Summit to be held June 1-5, 2026, on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. This leadership program is a valued partnership with the Herbert College of Agriculture and brings together energized high school student leaders from across the state. Summit staff has worked to develop a dynamic program focused on leadership, cooperation, service and developing an understanding of the critical importance of Tennessee's agriculture industry. New this year, attendees will be eligible for college credit!

We encourage your county to select and sponsor up to two outstanding local high school students who will be entering the 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2026 to attend this leadership program. The cost is \$200 per delegate and covers all expenses associated with the event. This leadership program is limited to 100 delegates. We encourage each county to sponsor at least one delegate.

Complete the registration form at this link <https://tnfarmbureau.org/leadership-summit> by Thursday, April 30. Send payment by **April 30** directly to UTK Herbert College of Agriculture. **Mail check to:**

**Herbert College of Agriculture
126 Morgan Hall
2621 Morgan Circle Drive
Knoxville, TN 37996**

*Please include TLS and Student Name in Memo

We are enthusiastic about the Tennessee Leadership Summit and the opportunity to invest in the youth of Tennessee. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Hill, TFBF Special Programs Division, at 931-388-7872 Ext 2217 or shill@tbf.com. You may also contact Cassie Johnson, TN Leadership Summit Director, 865-974-0315 or cassie@utk.edu.

cc: Regional Field Service Directors
TN Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee
TFBF Board Members
YF&R State Committee

County Agency Managers
Regional Agency Managers

**2026 TENNESSEE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE
HERBERT COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**

REQUIREMENTS

1. **County Farm Bureaus:**

- A. **Each county is allowed up to two delegates.** We are searching for the best of the best from each county. There are 100 spots available. We must have applications submitted and payment received by **Thursday, April 30** in order to reserve a spot.
- B. You may use any method of selection you wish; however, **delegates must be entering either the 11th or 12th grades in high school in the Fall of 2026.** They should also be outstanding students who have demonstrated good leadership and citizenship qualities.
- C. Complete the registration form <https://tnfarmbureau.org/leadership-summit>.
- D. Provide the **\$200.00 registration fee** for each county delegate. A payment link can be provided if you prefer to pay online. **Payment should be mailed to:**

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- E. **Parents are responsible for delivering and picking up your delegate at the designated location on the University of Tennessee, Knoxville's campus.** Drop-off and pick-up instructions will be mailed with the delegate's information packet. Parents are invited to the leadership luncheon on Friday and can check out delegates at the conclusion of the luncheon.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1. **Refunds** are possible within 45 days of the event. Substitutions can be made. Please contact Samantha Hill, TFBF Special Programs Division, at 931-388-7872 Ext 2217 or shill@tbf.com, **as soon as possible** to notify of your cancellation.
- 2. We ask that each county make every effort to work closely with your delegate(s) to prevent **NO SHOWS** on the **day of arrival**. Please let us know if they are not able to attend. If for any reason you have a delegate who has to cancel on the weekend of arrival due to an emergency, **Saturday, May 30 or Sunday, May 31**, a cell phone number will be provided in final leadership summit information.