



# Agriculture Future of America

# About AFA

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We build bridges for young leaders to foster engagement and innovation in food and agriculture.

AFA provides experiences for young leaders to develop soft skills, develop their network and explore career paths.

AFA experiences foster intrapreneurialism, professionalism, and intellectualism.

## **Intrapreneurialism**

Team Leadership  
Goal Setting  
Innovation  
Change Management  
Conflict Management  
Entrepreneurship

## **Professionalism**

Time Management  
Valuing Differences and Diversity  
Interpersonal Communication  
Professional Development  
Personal Brand  
Networking  
Mentoring  
Presentation Skills  
Business Writing

## **Intellectualism**

Critical Thinking  
Systems Thinking  
Decision Making  
Self-Exploration  
Reflection  
Financial Skills

# Top 3 Distinctions About AFA

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- AFA is solely focused on college students and young professionals.
- AFA is NOT a membership organization. All experiences are application based and students earn their way to in-person experiences.
- If selected, experiences are free to students because of support from industry partners. Only responsible for travel.



# How to Get Involved



**Leaders Conference**

November 7-10, 2019  
 Four-Track Program  
 Personal & Industry Assessment  
 Communication  
 Managing Change  
 Lifelong Learning  
 2:1 ratio  
 Student :  
 Industry Rep  
 Applications Due  
 September 2019



**Institutes**

Food  
 January  
 Technology  
 March  
 Policy  
 March  
 Animal  
 April  
 Crop Science  
 July



**Scholarships**

Available to students pursuing four-year degrees in agriculture related fields.  
 Provides academic support and sponsorship to AFA Leaders Conference.  
 September – Apps Open  
 March – Apps Due  
 June – Selected Students Notified



**ONTAP**

Online Network of Tomorrow's Agricultural Professionals  
 Interactive web-based discussions  
 Interact with peers in a dynamic online environment



**Leader Fellowship™**

How to Reflect Upon & Package Your Experiences  
 Professional Portfolio  
 Builds your personal board of directors  
 Grows your awareness in 21 different competencies

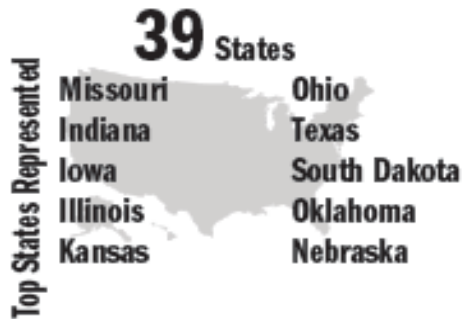


**Alliance**

Young Professional Network  
 Entry-level training and support  
 Peer-driven network that connects members  
 National and Regional Professional Development Events

# AFA Leaders Conference

## 2018 Student Demographics



### A Four Track Program

The AFA Leaders Conference is a four-track program, offering four leader development opportunities matched to a student's year in college.

#### Track 1 – Freshman

21 Sessions covering:

- ▶ Personal Assessment and Career Exploration
- ▶ Resume Development
- ▶ Goal Setting, Time Management and Productivity

#### Track 2 – Sophomore/Junior

22 Sessions covering:

- ▶ Communication Skills
- ▶ First Impressions
- ▶ Critical Thinking
- ▶ Team Leadership
- ▶ Personal Finances

#### Track 3 – Junior/Senior

22 Sessions covering:

- ▶ Living and Working in a Global Market
- ▶ Leading and Managing Change
- ▶ Personal Finances
- ▶ Career Decisions

#### Track 4 – Senior

21 Sessions covering:

- ▶ Transitioning from College to Career
- ▶ Lifelong Learning
- ▶ Servant Leadership
- ▶ Diversity and Inclusion

# AFA Student Testimony

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- B.S. in Agronomy (2016) from Iowa State University
- Doctor of Plant Health student at University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- Attended all four Tracks of AFA Leaders Conference
- Selected as 40 Chances Fellow supported by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation



**Questions?**

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