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Kentucky Forest Industries Association Announces Emerging Leaders Program

The KFIA Emerging Leaders Program is designed to offer members an opportunity to fine-tune their leadership skills and become a better spokesperson for forestry in Kentucky. It is designed to:

- Get members involved in outreach efforts to improve the public perception of the forest industry.
- Improve involvement of young people and provide an opportunity to meet and network with their peers and future leaders in the industry; people they will likely be working with for the next several decades.

Eligible Participants

- Enrollment is limited to twenty participants who are younger than 40 years old.
- The class will have a diverse cross section of the wood industry, foresters, vendors, suppliers.
- The candidates must be employed and have worked full time for at least one year.
- The candidates must be able to participate in six one day sessions throughout the year. Provide casual “networking opportunities” for class members to get to know one another and members of KFIA
- Highlight different components of the forestry community at different locations across the state.
- Obtain employer approval to invest the time required to attend all seminars. Self-employed persons must be able to be away from their business.
- Remain employed in the wood products industry, forestry, or any related natural resource service or industry for the duration of the class.

Program Benefits

Benefits include becoming a more effective communicator and collaborator. The growth you experience will allow you to make a greater impact in the organizations, industries and communities you serve.

Participation in this program will provide the participant the opportunity to:

- Network with others in the wood products and related fields.
- Learn how to plan and organize meetings and become active in industry issues.
- Gain exposure to innovative forestry and manufacturing techniques
- Discuss environmental and land use issues.
- Learn the importance of political involvement
- Opportunity to attend KFIA Annual and Regional Meetings as well as become familiar with the committees that help keep the Association operating.
- Learn leadership skills such as public speaking, dealing with the media, ethics and negotiating.
- Work with a mentor to answer questions and assist with the leadership process.

The cost of the course is \$200.00 for the six (6) sessions which will take place every two (2) months. For additional details contact the KFIA office at 502/695-3979 or email Bob@kfia.org



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KFIA Emerging Leaders Program

The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) is a recognition-based group focused on developing young business professionals through leadership training, social interactions, and educational opportunities.

The goal of the ELP is to build the leadership and professional skills of its members, who are associated directly or indirectly with the forestry community so that they are ready to assume future roles as leaders of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association and within the forest products and forestry community. These skills are developed through programs and speakers specializing in leadership training, communication and other forest business-related activities.

The Emerging Leaders Program will meet 6 times over the course of a year. Meetings will occur at various central Kentucky locations and include mill tours, meetings with forestry and legislative leaders, programs that benefit forestry and the wood industry and networking activities to allow for social time together. The program will provide an excellent opportunity to network with others in the wood industry that will foster business relationships into the future.

Prospective candidate must be a member of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association and submit an application. The class will have a 20-person limit and cost will be \$200/person which includes lunch for all meetings and fees related to activities. Contact KFIA for payment options.

You can contact the KFIA office at 502-695-3979 or email bob@kfia.org with any questions or for more detailed information. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2022.

KFIA Emerging Leaders Program Application

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Age: _____ How long have you been in your career field?

- Less than 1 year 1-3 years 4-6 years 6-8 years 8 years or more

Why are you interested in joining Kentucky Forest Industries Association Emerging Leaders Program?