Louisiana Sea Grant

Fisheries & Seafood Leadership Program

Louisiana Sea Grant launched its Fisheries and Seafood Leadership Program (FSLP) in March of 2023. The program is for emerging leaders in the commercial fishing and seafood industry. Boat owners and captains, deckhands, docks and processors, individuals in the insurance and finance industries, fisheries management personnel – anyone interested in helping our state’s seafood industry navigate the coming decades – should apply.

FSLP’s third class will begin in January of 2026 and graduate in the summer 2026. Participants will learn about:

• Leadership skill building

• Effective communication

• Emerging technologies

• Business and marketing trends

• Commodity policy issues

• National, state and community-level public policies

• Economic development

Participants must commit to attending four 2-day workshops in a 6-month period.

An application must be turned in by **September 1, 2025.** Following a review of the applications, a selection committee will schedule a personal interview with each applicant approved for the program.

If selected a **non-refundable fee of $400** is required to participate in the program. Scholarship funding may be available.

For more information, contact Julie Falgout at [Jfalgout@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:Jfalgout@agcenter.lsu.edu) , (985) 856-2477 or visit [www.laseagrant.org/outreach/fslp/](http://www.laseagrant.org/outreach/fslp/).

Return the application to:

Julie Falgout, at [jfalgout@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:jfalgout@agcenter.lsu.edu) or

mail to Julie Falgout, LSU AgCenter, 876 Verret Street, Houma, La 70360.

**2026 Dates** – locations to be determined, dates subject to change:

January 27 – 28, 2026

March 17 – 18, 2026

April 21 – 22, 2026

May 19 – 20, 2026

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**Cohort III Application**

(Application Deadline September 1, 2025)

**I. Applicant Information**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Business/Vessel Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What products or services do you provide. Check all that apply.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_ Crabs \_\_\_\_\_Oysters \_\_\_\_\_ Finfish

\_\_\_\_\_ Related agency or business \_\_\_\_\_ Other

List any organizations you have been involved in. Such as task forces, industry related associations, civic, church, political groups, etc.

Name of Organization Years of Involvement Position Held

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**II. Expression of Interest**

1. Identify and discuss an important issue facing people in your industry or an important community or state issue. Include your idea(s) of how to address the issue. (limit 150 words or less)
2. What are your leadership goals? That is how would you expect to use the knowledge and experience gained in this program? (limit to 100 words or less)

**III. Applicant Acknowledgement**

**Statement of Responsibilities**

Seminars present the opportunity to learn points of view, governance systems, values etc., that may differ from my own. I will respect the bearers of such messages whether they are speakers or classmates.

I pledge to conduct myself in a manner conducive to an excellent learning environment during leadership program activities.

As a critical element in the leadership skills development process, I will accept various seminar roles assigned by the faculty. This could include constructively working in a group or team and completion of all assignments.

Participation by spouses will be limited and granted by the director when such participation is appropriate, and space and financial resources are adequate. Charges will be assessed for expenses incurred by the program on their behalf.

Lodging of program participants will be double occupancy. The faculty will establish lodging rotation of same gender participants.

Some meals, all lodging and class travel will be provided by the Leadership Program fund. I understand that the program fee, certain meals, entertainment and incidental expenses, as well as transportation to attend seminars will be my responsibility.

I understand that if I am traveling with my spouse/family I am responsible for my lodging and will have the opportunity to book lodging at the group rate.

If selected, I agree to abide by the Fisheries and Seafood Leadership Program statement of participant responsibilities.

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