



Nebraska Corn Board Corn Congress Leadership Program 2026 Application Information

Applications are now open to join other corn growers, staff and leaders during the National Corn Growers Association's (NCGA) annual Corn Congress event. The event will take place in Washington, D.C. July 13-16, 2026, and will provide an opportunity to advance personal and professional leadership development and understanding of agricultural policy. This event will allow those chosen to interact with nearly 200 farmers from across the U.S., agribusiness leaders from some of the leading agribusiness companies and other leaders from various state college and leadership development programs.

During this dynamic four-day program in the nation's capital, participants will:

- Attend NCGA's Corn Congress, gaining firsthand insight into how a leading national commodity organization develops policy.
- Conduct impactful Capitol Hill visits, meeting directly with Nebraska's congressional delegation and staff to outline for Nebraska's corn policy priorities.
- Participate in targeted industry and agency briefings, connecting with key leaders from organizations such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council, foreign embassies and other key agricultural associations.
- Participate in valuable networking opportunities through meetings, dinners and breaks, interacting with nearly 200 corn growers from across the U.S., top agribusiness executives, and fellow leaders from state and national development programs.

The Nebraska Corn Board (the state's corn checkoff program) is providing funding to allow up to 10 agricultural leaders to attend the July 13-16, 2026, meetings. This program includes airfare, hotel, registration, transportation and most meals. You will be joining leaders and staff from the Nebraska Corn Board in addition to the Nebraska Corn Growers Association during the four days.

The draft itinerary includes:

- Monday, July 13: flight to Washington D.C., attendance of action team/committee meetings (dependent on flights), dinner and monument tour
- Tuesday, July 14: tour of the Delmarva Region, evening activity with other states
- Wednesday, July 15: NCGA's Corn Congress and additional meetings
- Thursday, July 16: Capitol Hill Visits and flights home

Application Requirements:

245 Fallbrook Blvd
Suite 204
Lincoln, NE 68521
(402) 471-2676
nebraskacorn.gov



- Those applying must be at least 18 years of age and have graduated from high school.
- Those chosen will be required to submit their expenses to the Nebraska Corn Board, along with a report of their observations from the various meetings.

Application Process:

- Submit the online application form along with an up-to-date resume.
- Deadline: May 8, 2026, 5:00 p.m. CST via form.jotform.com/260625507032146.
- Those selected will be contacted in late May with additional information.

We encourage emerging leaders passionate about Nebraska corn and ag policy to apply; this fully funded opportunity offers invaluable networking, policy insight and growth. Questions? Contact Jill Bookhout at Jill.Bookhout@nebraska.gov or 402-471-2676.

245 Fallbrook Blvd
Suite 204
Lincoln, NE 68521
(402) 471-2676
nebraskacorn.gov