

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Step Out and Rise (SOAR) Program is a nine-month leadership development initiative sponsored by the Adair County Cooperative Extension Service running from July 2025 through March 2026, with a graduation ceremony in April. Sessions occur monthly from 9 AM to 2 PM and provide participants with valuable insight into leadership, local government, economic development, and other key community topics. Each session will include lunch and a tour of a relevant local facility to enhance learning through real-world experiences. The participant cost is \$100, which covers program materials and meals. Participants will be responsible for providing their own transportation to all tours, which will take place within the local area.

To successfully complete the program, participants are required to attend a fiscal court meeting, a city council meeting, and participate in a community service project. Applications are due by June 20th, and selected participants will be notified before the program begins. For more information, contact the Extension Office at (270) 384-2317.

SCHEDULE

JULY 18, 2025 - INTRODUCTION & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

AUGUST 15, 2025 - LOCAL UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025- LOCAL AGRICULTURE

OCTOBER 17, 2025- EDUCATION OVERVIEW

NOVEMBER 21, 2025 - LOCAL & STATE GOVERNMENT

JANUARY 16, 2026- HEALTH SERVICES

FEBRUARY 20, 2026- UTILIZING MEDIA

MARCH 20, 2026- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

APRIL 17, 2026- GRADUATION