Dear CENTRL Candidate:

Selection into the Project CENTRL Program relies upon the completion of an application package which includes the application, four recommendations (two business and two personal) and employer’s approval. All of these items must be completed and received into the CENTRL office by June 1. The following are helpful guidelines in completing this application:

- Read the Project CENTRL materials carefully, noting both requirements for selection and the time requisites for participation.

- All candidates are requested to have their employer complete the Employer Approval Form. During the first year of the program, participants will attend six 2 ½-day seminars. Seminars are scheduled Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon. During the second year of the program participants will attend six 2 ½-day seminars. At the end of each year you will be required to attend a five day tour to another state. Due to the time away from work it is necessary to have your employer’s approval before interviewing for the program.

- The enclosed Candidate Recommendation Forms are to be completed and returned directly to the CENTRL office by each person giving a recommendation. Select your recommendations carefully in terms of their ability to provide the type of information requested on the form. Enter your name and address on each form before you distribute them to individuals for recommendations. Two business and two personal recommendations are required.

- Sign your application and appropriate materials before mailing to the CENTRL office at:

Project CENTRL
Application
820 E. Cottonwood Lane #C
Casa Grande, AZ 85222

- Applicants with a completed packet will be interviewed by CENTRL Alumni and their recommendations forwarded, along with all application materials, to the State Selection Committee. After careful review of all of this information, final selection of candidates will be made. All applicants will receive notice in August of their admission as a participant, as an alternate, or not being selected into the program. Please call the CENTRL office if you have further questions on completing this application.

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ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be considered in selecting the participants:

- Participants must be residents of Arizona and should be involved with rural areas of the state and/or agriculture.
- Participants must be at least 25 years of age by October 1st of the current year.
- Participants must demonstrate leadership qualities and potential as evidenced by community, political, or organizational activities shown on the application.
- Due to the time required by the two year program, the candidate must be committed and able to attend all seminars and tours. And have the written support of his/her employer to be away from the workplace to actively participate in the entire program. See the enclosed Employer Support Form.
- The candidate's character, as evidence by references or by inquiry in the community, will be of high quality, reflecting probable leadership capability.
- Each candidate will be evaluated in terms of their probable contribution to the rural sector through personal growth and leadership experiences gained from the program.
- While no specific academic achievement in terms of high school or college training is required, each candidate will be evaluated in terms of their ability to participate meaningfully in the academic seminars, outside reading, and written assignments for the program. Some evaluation of the candidate's communicative skills may be ascertained from the essay portion of the application and from responses during the personal interview.
- No more than one participant will be selected from the same employer per class.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

- Each class will be composed of 30 participants. Every effort will be made to select a representative participant from each county throughout the state of Arizona. Depending on the number and qualifications of candidates, approximately 50% may be selected from production agriculture and/or agribusiness.
- Candidates for the program should submit completed application packages to the Project CENTRL Office prior to June 1. Completed applications and supporting materials will be provided to a Candidate Selection Committee.
- Interviews will be conducted during the summer at various locations throughout the state. Applicants will be notified as to interview schedules. Applicants will be interviewed in person by members of a Candidate Selection Committee. Each Candidate Selection Committee will then forward its recommendations and files to the CENTRL Selection Committee of the CENTRL Board of Directors for a final decision on all applications.

OBLIGATIONS OF SELECTED CANDIDATES

- Class members chosen for the program must attend twelve seminars scheduled over two years. A typical 2½ day seminar will start on a Thursday evening and conclude mid-day on Saturday. No more than one seminar is scheduled each month and there are no more than six seminars each year. At the end of each year, class members must attend a five day seminar to another state.
- The participant must undertake an approved "community" internship project concurrent with the two year program and complete a summary report prior to graduation.
- Class members selected for the program must approve and return a signed copy of the Expectations and Commitment form.
- CENTRL covers most of the costs (lodging, meals, speakers, instructional materials, and national trip) with members providing their own transportation to and from seminars.
- To accomplish the primary purpose of CENTRL, individuals must attend all seminars and assume an active role in the instructional program. It is hoped that all participants will, following graduation from the program, seek a leadership role in their local communities and in Arizona.
Please type or print

Date: ______________________

Personal Information

Male ☐ Female ☐

Last Name________________________ First Name________________________

Mailing Address __________________________ Street ________________ City/State ________________ Zip ________________

Home Address __________________________ Street ________________ City/State ________________ Zip ________________

County you reside in __________________________

Telephone: Home __________________________ Office __________________________ Fax __________________________

Marital Status __________________________ Email __________________________

Employer __________________________ Position __________________________

Business Address __________________________ Street ________________ City/State ________________ Zip ________________

Education:                        High School __________________________

College(s)/Degree(s)________________________

Community Involvement

Have you been actively involved in commodity, community, civic, or other organizations and activities? (Explain in detail) __________________________

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Indicate any memberships and/or offices held that have led to your leadership abilities. These may include those held in high school, college agriculture, civic, church, government and other areas. (Include dates, offices held and name of organizations)

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Attach a separate sheet of paper, if needed
Identify an important issue facing your local community:


Identify an important issue facing rural Arizona:


Identify an important issue facing the Nation:


What qualifications do you possess that will add to the dynamics or diversity of CENTRL leadership?


References:
List four references (2 business and 2 personal) who we may contact to assess your potential for leadership in rural Arizona. Unless you indicate otherwise, it is assumed these people will be the same persons you ask to be recommenders.

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"I am aware of the requisites for my participation in the Center for Rural Leadership program and give my permission to contact the references listed. I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete to my knowledge. I agree and understand that any incorrect statements or omission of material facts herein will cause disqualification of my application. I understand that selection of applicants is the sole responsibility of the Board of Directors, Center for Rural Leadership."

Signature_________________________________________ Date____________