



## South Dakota Agricultural & Rural Leadership Foundation

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Dear SDARL Class X Applicant,

Thank you for applying to the SDARL leadership program! On behalf of our Board of Directors and 271 graduates and current class members, let me assure you that being selected for a SDARL class is a rewarding and life-changing experience.

The page of our website where you accessed this letter contains all of the information you will need to apply. I'm requesting that you fill out the application and each form, sign those where you need to, scan them into a pdf format, and email them to me at the email address below. Then, please take the hard copies you have printed out and mail them to me via US Mail at our Rapid City address above. This insures that, regardless of Internet speed or access, your application will arrive in our office. These instructions are on each page.

You will send us – use this as a checklist:

1. Your completed application
2. The Reference Form listing the three references to whom you are sending Recommendation Forms
3. The signed Certification Form
4. You will need to distribute Recommendation Forms to the three people you've identified as your references on the Reference Form. They will be instructed to send their references directly to us.
5. If you have a spouse or co-habiting partner, he/she will need to sign the Spouse/ Partner form
6. If you are not self-employed, your employer will need to sign the Employer Consent Form

Be sure to complete the entire application, and give your references plenty of time to return their references to me by March 30, 2018. I'd also recommend that you review the Class X Info Packet on the website page. It contains selection criteria, seminar dates and locations, and other information that may help you answer questions in the application.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me for additional information.

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