

**Indiana Farm Bureau Inc.**  
**ACE USA**  
**Ambassador Application**

The Indiana Women's Leadership Committee is sponsoring an opportunity for Indiana Farm Bureau members to travel as ambassadors for agriculture. Ambassadors selected will be traveling to Arizona in 2011.

Beginning with 2010, the ACE Ambassador program will no longer travel outside of the country. Travel will consist of the United States. The program is open to Indiana Farm Bureau voting members in all 10 districts. There are no restrictions on certain districts being able to apply in certain years. The program is open to couples or individuals wanting to travel and learn about other parts of the country.

The committee reserves the right to change the state selected for travel.

Applications with all letters of recommendation are due **February 1st** of the current year to the State Office by office closing time, 4:30 p.m Eastern Standard Time. In case the date falls on Saturday or Sunday, the due date is the following Monday by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Applications and details are available by contacting:

ACE USA Application  
Indiana Farm Bureau Inc.  
Post Office Box 1290  
Indianapolis, IN 46206  
(317) 692 7830

The application is available on our website [www.infarmbureau.org](http://www.infarmbureau.org) and also available on disk by calling the Organizational Development Team 317-692-7830.

## ACE USA APPLICATION

To: Applicants for the ACE Ambassador Program

From: Indiana Farm Bureau Inc. Women's Leadership Committee

Application **due February 1st** of the current year

Indiana's largest industry, agriculture, plays a major role in every phase of life in Indiana. Learning about agriculture and cultural differences is a challenge in the United States.

Agriculture in the United States has many different crops, animals, and problems and solutions. What is important in one region goes unnoticed in another. Our goal is to promote greater understanding of agriculture, people, family life, and cultures within our country.

Please read the following instructions carefully before filling out the application.

- Complete all portions of the application. Please type if possible and keep your answers brief.
- To qualify for the ACE Ambassador Program, you must be a paid voting member of Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.
- Travel, hotel rooms, meals, and tips will be paid by Indiana Farm Bureau Inc. These expenses will cover a trip not to exceed 5 days.
- Upon returning from the designated trip, the ambassadors will be required to present a program at Spring Conference, State Convention and Young Farmer Conference if asked to do so, non ag groups such as Lions Club, Kiwanis, etc and if willing Farm Bureau district meetings. Mileage to these meetings will be paid at the current Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. rate.
- The final selection of the ACE USA ambassadors is at the discretion of the Indiana Women's Leadership Committee.

- Letters of recommendation from two personal and two business acquaintances are required. All letters must accompany the application and be sent to Indiana Farm Bureau Inc., ACE Program at Post Office Box 1290, Indianapolis, IN 46206. If the application with letters is not received by office closing time (4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time) on February 1st of the current year, the application will not be considered.
- Any entry arriving late will not be considered.
- Indiana Farm Bureau members ineligible to participate in the ACE program are: Current Indiana Farm Bureau Indiana Women's Leadership Committee members, Board of Directors, Officers, employees or any winner in a previous ACE International or ACE USA program.

The Ambassador Program application is due to the Indiana Farm Bureau Inc., office by closing time February 1st of the current year, at Post Office Box 1290, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Applications that are not fully completed or that do not have all reference letters returned will not be considered for the program.

The Indiana Women's Leadership Committee will send applicants a letter informing them of the date and location of their required personal interview. Winners will be announced at Spring Conference.

The Indiana Women's Leadership Committee, with the exception of the District Woman Leader introducing her applicants, will interview applicants. Applicants agree to abide by the selection committee's decision.

Age is not a factor, but vigorous schedules require good health. Ambassadors must be able to travel unescorted at times.

Thank you for your interest in our program. You are the key to its success.

**APPLICATION**

Please type

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name (if applying as a couple) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Indiana Farm Bureau Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have been a farmer? \_\_\_\_\_

Do either of you earn supplemental income? \_\_\_\_\_

List all schools attended, including high schools, college(s) and short courses:

Name of School (H-Husband/W-Wife I-Individual)	Attendance Dates	Date of Graduation	Degree	Field
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Please answer the following questions

(If applying as a couple, please answer the following questions together):

Would you be able to leave your family and farm for 5 days? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider your health such that you could meet an intensive schedule during the trip, and program obligations afterwards? \_\_\_\_\_

In telling the story of agriculture we would like to reach non ag groups. Please list other groups that if selected you could present information about your trip. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe your previous travel experiences. Include where you have traveled and how these experiences have affected you.

Please describe your farming operations.

Why do you want to participate in the ACE USA Ambassador Program?

Discuss briefly what you consider to be the most important problem facing American agriculture today.

In your judgment, what are the qualities needed in leadership today and how would you evaluate your own leadership potential?

List four references (two businesses and two personal) whom we may contact to assess your potential for leadership in agriculture. Unless you indicate otherwise, it is assumed these people will be the same persons you ask to be those who write letters of recommendation.

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This will certify that if selected, we will travel at our own risk. We hereby release Indiana Farm Bureau Inc., and all agents, directors, officers, or employees of Indiana Farm Bureau from any liability whatsoever which may arise from our participation in this program. We also pledge to participate as an Ambassador speaker to the extent of the above rules, as can be arranged within a period of two years beginning with the last day of the trip.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_