



2025 New England Produce Council, Inc. Leadership Program Application



Contact Information

Name: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Direct Supervisor's Name & Contact Email and Phone #:

Professional Reference Name & Contact Email and Phone #

Produce Experience

List Jobs & Years in Position:

Briefly convey why you would like to be selected for the NEPC's Leadership Program:

I certify that the information on this application is accurate and true. I understand that falsified information may result in denial of acceptance into the NEPC Leadership Program. (Please sign below)

Mail or email this application to:

New England Produce Council, Inc.

7 Gloria Circle

Burlington, MA 01803

Nepc2@rcn.com

- Deadline for application submission is Friday, January 24th.
- Space is limited for this program and applicant must be an NEPC member.
- Applicants selected for this program will be notified by Friday, February 28th.



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Program Description:

The NEPC Leadership Development Program is designed to cultivate emerging leaders within the produce, floral, and food service industries. This immersive program combines hands-on experiences, educational sessions, and networking opportunities to foster growth and enhance leadership skills. The NEPC Leadership Program is generously sponsored by Coast to Coast Produce in memory of Peter Sticco, Owner and Founder of Coast to Coast Produce. Peter was a true champion of the produce industry, dedicated to learning and sharing his passion with others, and we are honored to continue his legacy through this program.

Key Components:

1. **Field Tour:** Participants will engage in a guided field tour of a local farm and/or distribution centers. This firsthand experience will provide insights into sustainable practices, supply chain management, and the importance of community engagement in the food industry.
2. **Volunteer Day:** A dedicated day for participants to give back to the community through hands-on volunteer work at a local farm. This activity emphasizes the value of service, teamwork, and social responsibility in leadership roles.
3. **Educational Session:** Led by an industry expert, this interactive session will cover topics that will help develop your leadership style, effective communication, and strategic decision-making. Participants will engage in a workshop and discussion that encourage personal reflection and collaborative learning.
4. **NEPC Produce, Floral & Food Service Expo:** Participants will attend the prestigious New England Produce Center (NEPC) Expo, where they will have the opportunity to network with industry leaders, explore the latest trends, and discover innovative products and services that are shaping the future of the industry.
5. **New England Produce Center Tour:** A guided tour of the New England Produce Center will provide insights into the operations of a major hub for the distribution of fresh produce and floral products. Participants will learn about logistics, marketing, and the role of technology in the industry.

Outcomes: By the end of the program, participants will have developed a deeper understanding of the industry, enhanced their leadership capabilities, and built a valuable network of peers and mentors.

Join us in this transformative experience to elevate your leadership journey!