



Virginia Rural Leadership Institute

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WHAT IS VRLI?

Virginia's first leadership program focused on retaining, attracting, and developing rural Virginians into innovative, responsible, and civic minded leaders who build strong local and regional communities; bringing rural prosperity across the entire Commonwealth.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Participants include business leaders, economic development professionals, community leaders, government staff, nonprofit and faith-based leaders, and other community-minded people in rural Virginia.

2026 VRLI Program

SESSION 1: SOUTHSIDE

April 22, 23, and 24

SESSION 2: MIDDLE PENINSULA & NORTHERN NECK

June 10, 11, and 12

SESSION 3: SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

August 12, 13, and 14

SESSION 4: SHENANDOAH VALLEY

September 30, October 1 and 2

**APPLICATIONS
ARE DUE ON
FEBRUARY 13**



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