



APPLY NOW

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Those involved in production agriculture who are interested in the policy process and its impact on the corn industry.

Applications are being accepted for the sixteenth Missouri Corn Growers Association (MCGA) CornRoots Leadership Academy. Applications must be submitted no later than Oct. 30, 2026.

CORNROOTS MEMBERS MUST

- Actively participate in discussions;
- Be willing to approach new ideas and experiences;
- Be able to communicate via email and phone on a regular basis;
- Be able to attend (3) scheduled sessions slated for December, January, and July;
- Be willing to engage family, friends, neighbors, and industry partners in grassroots efforts.

TOPICS COVERED

- Corn and Agricultural Issues Update
- Meetings with Elected Officials
- Grassroots Training including:
 - Communicating with Legislators
 - Leadership Training
 - Public Speaking
 - Media Training
 - Social Media Training

SCHEDULE

CornRoots Class 16 will meet for its first session Dec. 8-10, 2026. A second session will coordinate with the MCGA Annual Meeting January 26-27, 2027. Third session will be in Washington, D.C., July 12-15, 2027.

Expenses associated with the CornRoots Leadership Academy, including lodging, airfare to Washington, D.C., and meals are paid by MCGA.



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SESSION 1: DEC. 8-10, 2026 JEFFERSON CITY

- Communication and social media training
- Advocacy growth
- Personal development
- Ethanol plant, lock & dam tours



SESSION 2: JAN. 26-27, 2027 JEFFERSON CITY

- Industry visits with Missouri Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources
- Grassroots lobbying at Missouri State Capitol
- Missouri Corn Growers Association Annual Meeting



SESSION 3: JULY 12-15, 2027 WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Grassroots lobbying on Capitol Hill
- DelMarVa region farm tours
- Networking with fellow corn leadership groups
- National Corn meetings