

Application Instructions

NRLI Class 26 (2026-2027) will commence in August 2026 and conclude in April 2027. Please see the complete schedule for NRLI Class 26 below.

The NRLI Project Team will review applications as they are received.

The application deadline is April 15, 2026.

If accepted, the program fees are **\$5,500** per Fellow. This fee covers meals, Wednesday and Thursday nights' lodging (with a roommate), field trips, and instructional materials associated with the eight three-day sessions. **Participation in the eight three-day sessions and completion of the associated assignments is mandatory.**

To apply to NRLI Class 26, email the following materials as attachments to Jocelyn Peskin at jpeskin@ufl.edu

1. Completed NRLI Class 26 (2026-2027) Application
2. Résumé/CV



Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute

NRLI CLASS 26 SCHEDULE

1 Aug. 19 – 21, 2026 Threats & Opportunities for Florida's Coral Reefs <i>Miami</i>	5 Jan. 20 – 22, 2027 Everglades: Go with the Flow? <i>Everglades</i>
2 Sept. 16 – 18, 2026 Fisheries Management: Amberjack <i>Destin</i>	6 Feb. 17 – 19, 2027 Florida Dairies & Water Quality <i>Live Oak</i>
3 Oct. 14 – 16, 2026 Urban Creek Restoration & Community Engagement <i>Jacksonville</i>	7 March 17 – 19, 2027 Space Coast: Protected Species & Partnerships <i>Cape Canaveral</i>
4 Nov. 18 – 20, 2026 Managing a Complex Watershed <i>Winter Haven</i>	8 April 16 & 17, 2027 (Fri, Sat) Graduation <i>Gainesville</i>

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Section I: Personal Information

1. Contact Information

Full Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

2. Current Employment

a. Employer:

Position Title:

Supervisor:

Supervisor E-mail:

b. Number of years in your present occupation:

c. Describe your current job responsibilities:

Section II: Application Questions

Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute (NRLI) Vision: *NRLI seeks to impact decision making in Florida by creating a network of professionals prepared to effectively address natural resource issues through collaborative leadership and conflict management.*

Considering the NRLI vision, please answer the following questions:

- 1. Why are you interested in being a NRLI Fellow?**
- 2. What specifically are you interested in learning through participation in the NRLI program?**
- 3. How do you (and if relevant, your supervisor) think that your participation in NRLI could contribute to your future career and/or organizational goals?**

4. What skills, expertise, and/or experience will you bring to the NRLI program?

5. Have you participated in other leadership training programs? If so, please list and briefly describe.

6. Please tell us something interesting (not work-related) about yourself.

7. How did you learn about the NRLI Program?

8. Please list any NRLI alumni whom you know.

Section III: Program Fees & Scholarship Application

Program Fees

NRLI program fees are **\$5,500** per Fellow. This fee covers meals, lodging (Wed and Thurs nights, with a roommate), field trips, and instructional materials associated with the eight three-day sessions. Fees must be paid no later than July 10, 2026.

Who will pay your registration fee?

If other, please specify.

Employer

Yourself

Other

NRLI Class 26 Scholarship Information

NRLI offers partial scholarships awarded through a competitive selection process. Scholarship decisions are made during the application review process, and we will notify applicants about scholarship awards when we contact them regarding the status of their application by June 5, 2026.

The scholarships available to Class 26 (2026-2027) include:

- *Bruce Delaney Scholarship*
- *Farm Credit of Florida Agricultural and Natural Resources Leadership Scholarship*
- *General Joe Joyce Scholarship for Natural Resources Leadership*
- *Local Government Scholarship*
- *Rosezetta Bobo Equity & Inclusion Scholarship*

See page 5 for detailed descriptions of each scholarship, and on page 6, please indicate which scholarship you are interested in applying for and describe why you are eligible.

Rosezetta Bobo Equity & Inclusion Scholarship - *Support for an African American NRLI Fellow.*

Rosezetta Bobo is a participant in NRLI Class 21, and the Diversity Officer with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Her years of working in environments that lack diversity, her participation in NRLI, and lessons learned about the impact that NRLI alumni can have on all groups across the State, focused her attention on the overall lack of diverse participation in most areas of Conservation and Natural Resources. This prompted the establishment of a scholarship in search of greater participation and engagement of African Americans in NRLI.

Bruce Delaney Scholarship - *Support for individuals from communities or organizations that would not otherwise be able to financially support their participation in NRLI.*

Bruce is an alumnus of NRLI Class II, the former Executive Director of NRLI, and was a Project Team member for more than 11 years. Bruce is a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and previous to NRLI he taught high school history; worked on the oil fields in Alaska; owned a fish camp in Cross Creek, Florida; and served terms as Mayor and Commissioner for the City of Gainesville.

Farm Credit of Florida Agricultural and Natural Resources Leadership Scholarship – *Support for young farmers (35 years old or younger)*

The Farm Credit of Florida Agricultural and Natural Resources Leadership Endowment was made possible through a generous donation by Farm Credit of Florida and will be used to support scholarships for young farmers (35 years old or younger) participating in the Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute. Those working in Florida agricultural are an important constituency for the NRLI program and NRLI is proud to have a role in training future leaders of the agricultural community. The average age for a full-time farmer in the United States is almost 60 years old and young farmers pursuing full- and part-time farming are crucial to the future of the agricultural sector in the State of Florida.

General Joe Joyce Scholarship for Natural Resources Leadership – *Unspecified Scholarship*

In 2015, Dr. Joseph C. Joyce retired after more than 20 years as the UF/IFAS Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dr. Joyce created an endowment to support the Florida Natural Resources Leadership institute—this endowment provides partial scholarship support to NRLI participants.

Local Government Scholarship – *Support for individuals and elected officials from local government*

Scholarship Application

Please select which NRLI scholarship(s) you are applying for, then provide a description of why you are eligible.

Rosezetta Bobo Equity & Inclusion NRLI Scholarship

Bruce Delaney Scholarship

Farm Credit of Florida Agricultural and Natural Resources Leadership

Scholarship General Joe Joyce Scholarship for Natural Resources Leadership

Local Government Scholarship

Please provide a description of why you are eligible for the above scholarship.

Section IV: References

Please provide two references:

1. Name:

Institution (if relevant):

Work phone:

E-mail:

2. Name:

Institution (if relevant):

Work phone:

E-mail:

Section V: Certification

I understand that **participation in the eight three-day sessions and completion of the associated assignments is mandatory**, and I am willing to devote the time necessary to participate in this program. I understand that if accepted, the program fees are **\$5,500** per Fellow. This fee covers meals, Wednesday and Thursday nights' lodging (with a roommate), field trips, and instructional materials associated with the eight three-day sessions. If program fees are to be paid by my employer, I affirm that I have conferred with my supervisor regarding the Institute and associated fees and that they understand that my involvement in NRLI will require devoted time and attention during NRLI's scheduled sessions.

Applicant's signature (an electronic signature is acceptable.)

Date

Please send your completed application form AND a résumé/CV to:

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