



## What is the OABA Mentoring Program?

The 2019 Mentoring Program will provide registrants with exposure to some of the key components driving Ontario's agri-food system, examining the strategic role that agri business plays in this dynamic industry, and contributing to their professional and personal development.

The future of OABA, and that of the entire agri business sector, will require leaders with a broad understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the agri-food sector. This program will introduce participants to the many strategic issues facing the Association, agri business and the agri-food sector in general, including:

- The organizational structure and governance structure of the Ontario Agri Business Association.
- "Big-picture" agri-food industry trends and issues.
- The importance of strategic relationships between OABA and other sector stakeholders.
- The relationship between science, government policy and markets, and how it will impact the future of the industry.
- The strategic role of effective government relations and public advocacy.
- Leadership and communications skills.



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*Developing Future Leaders for Ontario's Agri Business Sector*

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## WHO SHOULD REGISTER?

This program will be of direct interest and benefit to those younger (25 years to 35 years of age) employees of member firms who demonstrate the skills, competency and desire to contribute in a broader capacity to their firm, the Association and the broader agri business sector. It is important to note that age parameters are published only as a guideline, and that the program is available to all interested employees of regular, branch and associate members of OABA.

Due to the nature of the program, it is important that registered participants be committed to completing the requirements of the program, and that they be free of their corporate responsibilities during their attendance at sessions associated with the program.

Registrants will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Enrolment is limited to 12 people.

## PROGRAM FORMAT & LOCATIONS

The program will consist of 4 full-day sessions held at the Association offices in Guelph. Due to speaker availability, it is important to note that the four (4) session dates are subject to change, however, sessions are preliminarily scheduled as follows:

- January 31, 2019
- March 28, 2019
- June 20, 2019
- September 26, 2019

It is anticipated each session will start at 9:30 a.m. and end no later than 4:00 p.m.

In addition to these formal meetings, there will also be relevant "at-work" assignments that will require completion.

## CERTIFICATES

Participants who complete the requirements of the program will receive a certificate of attendance from the Ontario Agri Business Association.

## REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee for the 2019 program is \$420.35 plus HST (\$54.65)

The fee includes instructional materials, lunches, refreshment breaks, as well as a full registration to the 2019 Annual Meeting and Convention of the Ontario Agri Business Association. (Please note that hotel accommodations are not included in the convention registration fee.)

**Cancellation** - a refund, less 25%, will be issued for cancellations made in writing to the Ontario Agri Business Association prior to December 31, 2018. No refunds will be issued after this date. Please note that the registration deadline is December 31, 2018.

**Register Early - Enrolment is limited to 12 participants!**



## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of your responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please register me in the 2019 program:

- \$420.35 + \$54.65 HST = \$475.00  
(Cheques made payable to OABA)

Please mail or fax your completed registration to:

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**Registration Deadline is December 31, 2018!**

*"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction" ...John C. Crosby, U.S. Politician*