## V.G. Young Institute of County Government

The Institute is part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and The Texas A&M University System. Based in College Station, the Institute works to meet the educational needs of county officials and the public by anticipating, identifying, and addressing the challenges and opportunities faced by Texas county government.

The Institute offers educational programs, reference materials and counsel to county officials, community organizations and citizens across the state. The Institute is dedicated to the Extension mission of "improving the lives of people, businesses and communities across Texas and beyond through high-quality, relevant education."

## Academy Selection & Participation

Selection is based on a competitive application process for interested county judges and commissioners.

Participation requires a time commitment of 16 days during the 2-year program period. This schedule includes three 3-day sessions and one 7-day session, including travel time to and from meeting locations.

Successful candidates for the Academy pay a tuition fee, which includes all sessions and out-of-state travel and accommodations. Costs for in-state travel and accommodations are borne by the participant.

## Program Overview



The Commissioners Court Leadership Academy (CCLA) is a 2-year program that builds advanced skills and knowledge in pursuit of four objectives:

- To increase knowledge of the origins and varying systems of county government and the interrelationship of local, state and national government systems.
- To develop communication and interpersonal skills to more effectively present ideas and work with community members, colleagues, the media and other elected officials.
- To enhance personal leadership and decision-making skills to better represent and lead constituents, counties and associations.
- To improve the ability to serve as an advocate for county issues at all levels of government.

Important expectations of all Academy participants are:

- An open and inquiring mind.
- A willingness to learn.
- A commitment to actively participate in Academy activities and experiences.
- A commitment to greater service for the betterment of Texas county government.

For more information about the Commissioners Court Leadership Academy, or to learn how you can support this program, contact:



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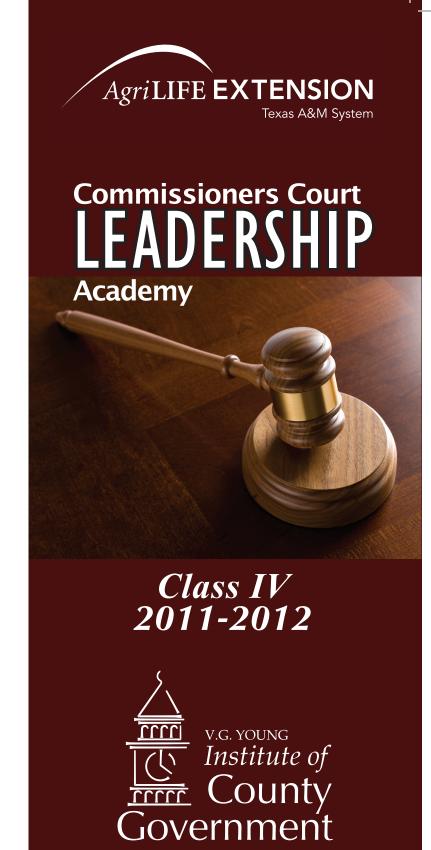
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Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.



## Members of Class IV

**Governing** Texas counties requires dynamic leadership. Are county leaders in Texas up to the challenge and ready to work with:

- limited resources,
- increasing demands for services,
- emerging technologies,
- changing demographics
- and other issues that have effects reaching far into the future?

The Commissioners Court Leadership Academy helps county judges and commissioners to fulfill their potential. By building their leadership skills, these key officials will be better equipped to meet the needs of their counties and the people they serve.



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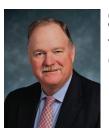
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