

WHAT IS IGEL?



The Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL) is dedicated to building and sustaining a diverse network of statewide environmental leaders to help resolve Georgia's environmental challenges.

Each spring, around 30 Georgians with proven track records in environmental leadership are selected and brought together to create an IGEL class. Participants come from diverse geographic areas and backgrounds but share a common desire to preserve and enhance Georgia's environment.

As Georgia addresses challenges to preserve and protect its natural resources, solutions will come from people representing various sectors, opinions, ethnic and cultural communities and bases of power. Graduates of the IGEL program provide a foundation for Georgia's environmental leadership.

For more information:

Visit the IGEL website at
www.IGELeaders.org

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IGEL'S GOALS

- Foster a deeper understanding of Georgia's environmental issues.
- Provide a safe forum for participants to explore each other's views and motivations.
- Engage participants in key aspects of leadership, such as creative problem solving, conflict resolution, building trust and developing communication skills.
- These goals are achieved through a multi-session program in various locations around the state, actively exposing participants to the vast potential and pressing environmental concerns in all regions of Georgia.
- The information gained in the field is designed to enhance leadership sessions that combine the use of case-based, realistic simulations and presentations by leading experts in targeted subjects for each session.
- The IGEL program emphasizes hands-on learning techniques and opportunities to master new skills through practice.

HOW IGEL OPERATES

IGEL, Inc. is a 501(c)3 corporation governed by a board of directors of IGEL graduates from various regions and sectors of influence throughout the state. IGEL, Inc. has partnered with the Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility at Georgia State University's J. Mack Robinson College of Business to develop and operate the curriculum and leadership program.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

IGEL encourages applicants from:

- Agriculture
- Business
- Civic groups
- Conservation groups
- Elected office
- Federal, state and local governments
- Forestry
- Industry
- Non-profit organizations
- State and regional agencies
- Universities and other educational institutions

CLASS SELECTION

A group of 30-35 participants with a proven leadership record and representative of Georgia's economic, ethnic, geographic and institutional diversity are carefully selected to participate each year.

Individuals may apply online at www.IGELLeaders.org.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT

- As a participant in four multi-day sessions, you will learn about key environmental problems and opportunities facing Georgia and experience firsthand the impact of environmental decisions on communities, industries and individuals in various parts of the state.
- Woven through all of this will be an opportunity to observe how other leaders have handled these challenges and to explore the future of environmental leadership in Georgia.
- IGEL is not a "sit-down-and-listen-to-experts" program. This is a "stand-up-and-get-involved" opportunity using real life experiences and the wealth of knowledge and skills of all participants, as well as case studies and current events.
- By the end of the four sessions, you will have expanded what you know, who you know and how you can make a difference in broad-reaching environmental issues. Upon graduation from the IGEL program, you will join an alumni network of over 300 Georgia environmental leaders.

TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

The tuition for the four-session program is \$3,900 for private sector applicants and \$3,000 for all others.

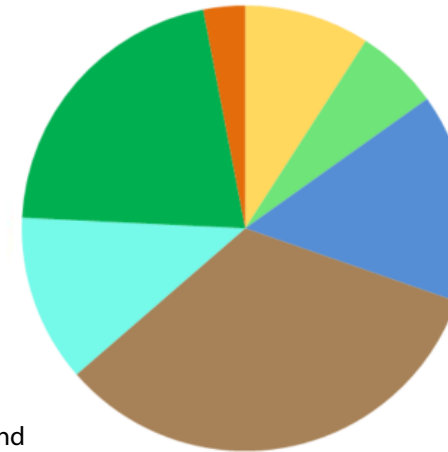
The tuition fee covers instruction, materials, lodging and meals.

A limited number of need-based partial scholarships is available for selected applicants.

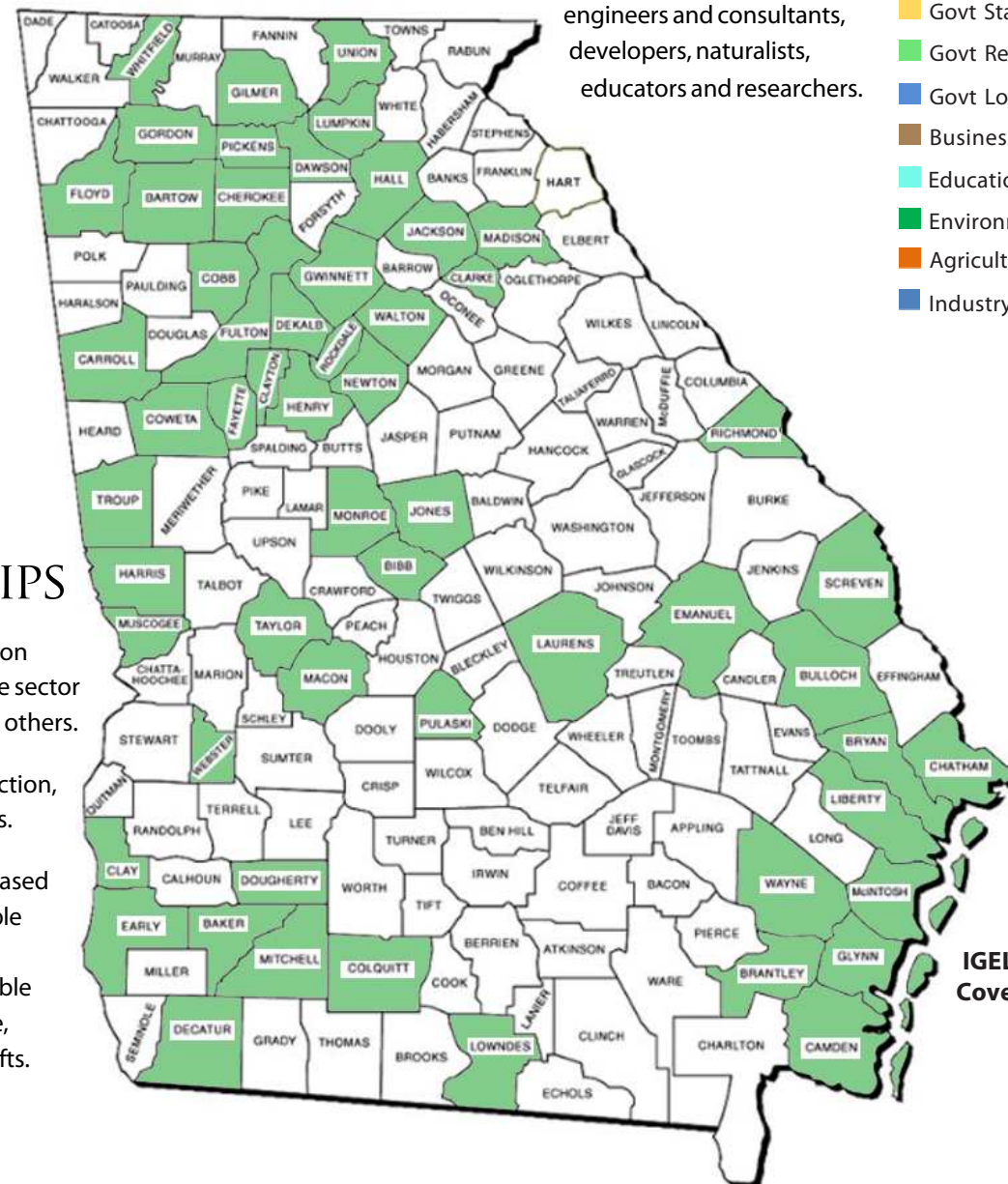
Scholarships are made possible through generous corporate, foundation and individual gifts.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN IGEL?

IGEL Alumni include a former member of Congress, top leaders and key staff of state, regional and federal agencies, city and county commissioners, managers and key staff, DNR board members, farmers, CEO's, business and industry leaders, civic and community leaders, environmental advocates, attorneys, planners, engineers and consultants, developers, naturalists, educators and researchers.



IGEL 2011 Class Sector Representation



2012 IGEL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Session 1: Atlanta, May 9-11, 2012

- Overview of IGEL and upcoming sessions.
- Leadership competencies, values and assessments.
- Analytical lenses through which to explore environmental issues.
- Land use economics and decision making.

Session 2: Albany, July 18-20, 2012

- Focus on water, agriculture, and natural resource-based economies.
- Leadership focus on managing conflict and dealing with differences and diversity.
- Exploration of various sectors, such as science, technology, education and local government and their role in environmental problem solving.

Session 3: Sapelo Island, September 12-14, 2012

- Environmental focus on marine resources, conservation, preservation and coastal development.
- Leadership focus on collaboration, systems thinking and relational leadership.
- Sector focus on non-governmental organizations, advocacy groups and state and federal governments.

Session 4: Dawson County, November 14-16, 2012

- Environmental focus on economic development and the environment, managed growth and air quality.
- Leadership focus on dealing with the media and difficult conversations.
- Sector focus on business and industry.
- Graduation and celebration.