

Iowa N.E.W. Leadership Application

June 1-6, 2008



Iowa N.E.W. Leadership is a program of The Women's Resource and Action Center at The University of Iowa. The purpose of this program is to encourage and empower college women to take on political and public leadership roles. Iowa N.E.W. Leadership participants spend five days in an intensive, residential institute. During this time participants will learn the history of women's involvement in public life, gain leadership skills in public speaking, advocacy, and diversity, and form a network of their peers as well as current women leaders. Once the residential institute ends, Iowa N.E.W. Leadership participants are encouraged to continue to build their leadership skills on their home campuses.

Costs: Because of the generosity of our sponsors, Iowa N.E.W. Leadership pays for all program costs, including food and lodging. Iowa N.E.W. Leadership students are responsible for travel costs incurred in getting to and from the program location in Iowa City, IA. Because of the immense efforts put into fully funding each Iowa N.E.W. Leadership student, accepted students cannot defer enrollment in the program.

Eligibility: Iowa N.E.W. Leadership is open to undergraduates enrolled in any Iowa 2-year or 4-year college or university, or Iowa residents attending school outside of the state. Participants represent diverse identities, academic majors, and political affiliations.

Submit your application by **March 7, 2008** to:

Women's Resource and Action Center
Iowa N.E.W. Leadership
University of Iowa
130 N. Madison St.
Iowa City, IA 52242
(319) 335-1486
www.uiowa.edu/~wrac

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2008 Application**

Please print or type.

Name:

College/University:

Permanent address (include city/state/zip):

Permanent phone:

Campus address (if different from your permanent address – include city/state/zip):

Campus phone:

Preferred address for future mailings (circle one): Campus Permanent

Major/Minor:

Academic area of interest:

E-mail address:

Class/Year:

Expected date of graduation:

Voting Districts

Iowa House:

Iowa Senate:

Congressional:

Iowa N.E.W. Leadership is committed to serving a diverse group of participants. The information below will help us to measure our effectiveness at reaching a diverse pool of applicants, but it is not required.

Age (Optional):

18-22 23-30 31-39 40+

Ethnicity (Optional):

Native American/American Indian African-American/Black
 Asian/Asian-American Latina/Chicana
 Anglo-, Euro-American/White Middle Eastern/North African
 Other (please specify):

Essay Questions (Please attach your essay response on a separate sheet of paper. Your response should be a maximum of two pages, double-spaced, with a font size of 10-12 point, and include your name at the top of each page.):

1. Why do you wish to participate in Iowa N.E.W. Leadership? (This could include your personal goals or professional development.)
2. Please share your interest in an issue (or need) facing your community.

Please list honors or awards received, as well as leadership positions attained. (Attach additional pages as necessary though such awards and honors are not essential to be admitted to the program.)

| Date | Organization | Award, Honor, or Leadership Position |
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Please list community service or volunteer experiences.

| Date | Organization | Volunteer Responsibility/Task |
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List the names, titles, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for three references. (These persons should be able to attest to your campus, community or political involvement, academic successes, leadership potential or desire to gain new leadership skills.)

| Name | Title | Address (include city/state/zip) | Phone | E-mail address |
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In an effort to improve our program outreach, please tell us where you heard about this program:

Commitment

Iowa N.E.W. Leadership is a residential institute June 1-6, 2008 in Iowa City, IA. In order to graduate from the program, participants are expected to attend all institute sessions and reside in the on-campus housing during that time. By signing this application, you acknowledge that you are aware of the commitment and pledge to make every effort to meet the commitment.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Iowa N.E.W. Leadership?

Iowa N.E.W. Leadership is a program sponsored by the Women's Resource and Action Center at The University of Iowa. It encourages undergraduate women to take on political and public leadership roles.

When and where does it take place? How long does it last?

Iowa N.E.W. Leadership is a five-day residential institute from June 1-6, 2008 on The University of Iowa campus in Iowa City, IA.

What happens at the institute?

During the institute you will:

- Meet with interesting and active women who are leaders in their communities, in grass roots organizations, and in local and state government.
- Develop and sharpen your leadership skills through workshops on public speaking and advocacy.
- Discuss the ways in which women can take on public leadership experiences during their undergraduate years.

Why should I apply? I don't care about politics.

While some of hate to think about politics, we are all political creatures in one way or another. If you drive a car, worry about tuition increases or how to pay for a doctor visit when you are sick, care about the environment, or volunteer at a local shelter or soup kitchen, then politics and government affect you. Every day, important decisions are made that have an impact on your life and your future. And those decisions don't just happen in the halls of government. Politics is in your local community center, on your campus, in your neighborhood, within organizations to which you belong, and many other places. Participating in politics means being part of the decision making process and making your voice heard.

What will I gain?

Participating in Iowa N.E.W. Leadership is:

- Part of your professional development.
- A time to develop new skills, or work on ones you have already been exercising.
- A time to apply those skills to do something about an issue or problem you have been concerned about on your campus.
- A time to work and have fun with a small group of women from across the state.

How much does it cost?

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Iowa N.E.W. Leadership covers the cost of food, housing, and program materials. The only cost to you is your transportation to and from the institute.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any Iowa undergraduate is eligible to apply. You do not need to be a political science major or be involved in formal political roles such as your student governing association to be considered. The institute accepts approximately thirty Iowa undergraduates each year.

What is the timeline for applications?

Applications must be submitted no later than March 7, 2008. All accepted applicants will be notified by April 4, 2008.

Where can I obtain additional information?

If you have other questions about Iowa N.E.W. Leadership or the application process, please contact Jessica Hook, Iowa N.E.W. Leadership Coordinator at jessica-hook@uiowa.edu or by calling (319) 335-1488.