



IOWA N.E.W. LEADERSHIP

2012 LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

DEVELOPING SKILL ∞ SUPPORTING ACTION ∞ BUILDING COMMUNITY

IOWA N.E.W. LEADERSHIP is an intensive 5-day residential institute designed to empower women across the political spectrum and increase the participation of underrepresented groups in all sectors of public leadership, including non-profits, state government, and elected office. The INSTITUTE experience is built around a challenging curriculum that develops self-awareness, knowledge, and skill in key areas, including:

Strategic communication
Policy analysis
Philanthropy

Negotiation
Community development
Professional sustainability

Networking
Engagement with difference
Productive conflict & collaboration

Created by the *Center for American Women and Politics* at Rutgers University in 1991, the NEW Leadership™ network includes 21 colleges and universities, serving women in 25 states. The UNIVERSITY OF IOWA joined in 2007 and will hold its fifth summer institute **May 21-25, 2012**.

SELECTION PROCESS

Our Selection Committee will choose up to 40 students to participate in the 2012 INSTITUTE from colleges and universities across the State of Iowa. During the process, they will carefully consider each applicant's demonstration of leadership, intellect, maturity, adaptability, ability to confront adversity, capacity to observe and reflect on her own strengths and challenges, the depth and diversity of her personal, academic, and work experiences, as well as her commitment to political engagement, community advocacy, and polity development.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Email Address: _____

RECOMMENDER INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Title/Work: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Length of Relationship: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete and submit this form with the requested letter of recommendation directly to IOWA N.E.W. LEADERSHIP at the Women's Resource and Action Center via email to wrac-newleadership@uiowa.edu or by post to 130 North Madison Street, Iowa City, IA 52242.

On the back of this form or on a separate paper, please identify and elaborate upon the skills, qualities, and experiences which you feel contribute to the applicant's suitability for IOWA N.E.W. LEADERSHIP and which you feel will fuel her commitment to pursuing a career in public service as a non-profit advocate, state-level servant or elected official.

The perspective offered each applicant by their recommender is key to our selection process and we are grateful for the time and energy you've invested in the applicant and in the development of skilled, compassionate leadership in Iowa.

ALL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION MUST BE RECEIVED FEBRUARY 17, 2012

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