

Maine NEW Leadership Summer Institute 2012 Application

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by March 16, 2012

Maine National Education for Women (NEW) Leadership is a program co-sponsored by the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to empower and encourage college women to become politically active and to take on leadership roles.

The Maine NEW Leadership Summer Institute is an intensive six-day residential program which will take place June 1-6, 2012, at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine. During the Summer Institute, students will meet women leaders; learn about women in American politics; and develop and practice leadership skills through panel discussions, workshops, and hands-on projects. After the Summer Institute, participants are encouraged to continue to develop public leadership skills and will be invited to return to the University of Maine for special events, workshops, and programs.

Cost

Since Maine NEW Leadership receives donations from individuals, foundations, public and private universities, and corporations to cover program expenses, there is no charge for students. However, students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the Summer Institute.

Eligibility

Maine NEW Leadership is open to undergraduate students enrolled in any Maine college or university and Maine residents enrolled in out-of-state schools. Maine NEW Leadership is committed to including women from diverse socioeconomic, ethnic, racial and educational backgrounds. We strongly encourage women of color, non-traditional college women, and students majoring in fields outside political science to apply.

Commitment

The curriculum is very intensive and requires students to attend all sessions throughout the entire six days, as well as to reside in the residence halls each night. Last year's schedule is available at mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/?q=NEWLeadership. While the range of speakers varies from year to year, the curriculum itself will be similar to previous years. In completing this application, you acknowledge that you are aware of these requirements and agree, if accepted, to make every effort to meet this commitment.

Mail or deliver your completed application (*including recommendation in a sealed envelope*) to:

Eva McLaughlin
Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center
5784 York Complex, #4
University of Maine
Orono, ME 04469-5784

Questions may be directed to: eva.mclaughlin@umit.maine.edu
(207) 581-1646

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Please print neatly and answer each question completely

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Name: _____

College/University: _____

Permanent address: _____

Campus address (if different from your permanent address):

Home Phone: _____ Campus or Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Notification (sent in April) should be mailed to: *(Check one)*

_____ CAMPUS Address _____ PERMANENT Address

College class/year: _____

Major/minor: _____

Academic areas of interest: _____

Personal Background: *(Note: Completing this section is voluntary).*

Age:

18-25 26-35 36-45 over 45

Ethnicity:

African American Native American Asian Caucasian Latina Other

ESSAY QUESTIONS: (Answer ***both*** questions on a separate sheet of paper)

1. Describe the political or community activities and/or organizations you have been involved with. Which is the most important to you and why?
2. Why do you wish to participate in Maine NEW Leadership? What do you expect to get out of participating in this program?

REFERENCES:

Please include **1 written letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope** with your application (form attached)

In addition, please provide the names, titles, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for 2 additional references:

1. _____
2. _____

Please list any honors or awards received, as well as leadership positions attained.

So that we can improve our program outreach, please tell us where you heard about Maine NEW Leadership.

Maine NEW Leadership participants are expected to attend all Summer Institute sessions and live in the residence halls during the entire program, June 1-6, 2012. In completing this application, you acknowledge that you are aware of these requirements and agree, if accepted, to make every effort to meet this commitment.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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*Please attach your letter of reference (on your own stationery or letterhead) to this form and return it to the student in a **sealed envelope** for submission with her application packet.*

Applicant Name: _____

Maine NEW Leadership will host its five-day residential program for undergraduate women June 1-6, 2012 at the University of Maine. Maine NEW Leadership is a leadership training program designed to educate and empower young women to give them the skills to be part of the next generation of women leaders. The program includes workshops for students to actively develop leadership skills, such as public speaking and networking, as well as presentations from politically active women throughout Maine. Participants will also benefit from the experience of faculty-in-residence, a group of women public leaders who serve as mentors for students throughout their stay. We are looking for a diverse group of young women who are motivated to learn about the importance of women's participation in public life and to develop their own leadership skills. Having already demonstrated leadership skills is not a necessary requirement for acceptance; those who show they have the potential for leadership are encouraged to apply.

Please tell us why you believe the applicant:

- 1) Is qualified for the program, and
- 2) Would benefit from the program.

If you have any questions please contact Eva McLaughlin at eva.mclaughlin@umit.maine.edu or go to our webpage: mcpolicycenter.umaine.edu/?q=NEWleadership

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference form.