2019 Maine NEW Leadership Application

Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, February 1, 2019

Maine National Education for Women (NEW) Leadership Institute, sponsored by the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center at the University of Maine, addresses the under representation of women in politics by empowering and encouraging undergraduate college students 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 May 30–June 4, 2019. Participants will meet women leaders; learn about women in American politics, visit the Maine State Legislature, and develop and practice leadership skills through panel discussions, workshops, and hands-on projects. After the Institute, participants are encouraged to continue to develop public leadership skills and will be invited to return to UMaine for special events, workshops, and programs.

Cost:
Thanks to the generosity of our donors, there is no cost to students. Students are, however, responsible for their own transportation to and from the Institute. Students are also responsible for tuition fees should they choose to register for the 3-credit Women & Leadership course.

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. Students must be at least in their first year of college when they apply. Students who will be graduating in the spring are eligible. Maine NEW Leadership is committed to having a diverse group of participants in each class. Traditional and non-traditional college students from all backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Commitment:
Maine NEW Leadership participants are expected to attend all Summer Institute sessions and stay in the housing provided by the program, May 30–June 4, 2019. In completing this application, you acknowledge that you are aware of these requirements and agree, if accepted, to meet this commitment.

Letter of recommendation (Must be received by February 1, 2019):
The letter of recommendation should be emailed directly from the person writing the letter to NEWL@maine.edu, by the deadline. Please forward this link for instructions https://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/122/2018/10/2019-NEW-Leadership-Recomendation-Letter-Guidelines.pdf to the person writing your letter or visit our website at (https://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/for-students/maine-new-leadership/)

If you have questions, please contact:

Susan D’Angelo
NEWL@maine.edu: (207) 581-1648
Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center; Attn: NEW Leadership
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Orono, ME 04469-5784

* Required

1. First Name *

2. Last name *

3. Permanent Address *
4. City *

5. State *

6. Zip Code *

7. Cell Phone Number *

8. Permanent Email Address *

9. College/University *

10. Campus Address (If different from your permanent address)

11. Year in college *

   Check all that apply.

   □ Year 1
   □ Year 2
   □ Year 3
   □ Year 4
   □ Other:

12. Major *

13. Minor/concentration (If applicable)

14. So that we can improve our program outreach, please tell us how you heard about Maine NEW Leadership.
Essay Questions

For each essay, please include a response that is 400-600 words in length.

15. **ESSAY QUESTION 1:** Describe your interest in politics, public service, and/or public policy. How have you contributed to issues or organizations that are important to you, and how do you hope to contribute in the future? *

16. **ESSAY QUESTION 2:** Why do you wish to attend Maine NEW Leadership? What you hope to get from participating and how you would add to the diversity of the class? *

Professional/Volunteer Experience

In lieu of a resume, please tell us about your professional, volunteer, and co/extra-curricular experiences in the following sections

17. **Paid and Volunteer Positions:** Please list any paid or volunteer experiences that have increased your knowledge about and/or experience with leadership, civic engagement, public policy, or politics. *

18. **Awards and Distinctions:** Please list any awards (academic, professional or otherwise) you have received that you think enhance your qualifications for Maine NEW Leadership.

19. **Additional background and skills:** Please list any additional background or skills that you bring to the table that might enhance your experience with or contributions to Maine NEW Leadership.
Maine NEW Leadership Summer Institute: Letter of Reference

Please copy this information to an academic or professional contact who can speak to your strengths as a member of the Maine NEW Leadership Class of 2019:

The letter of recommendation (on letterhead) should be emailed directly from the person writing the letter to NEWL@maine.edu by the deadline (February 1, 2019).

Maine NEW (National Education for Women) Leadership will host its annual six-day residential undergraduate student leadership training program May 30-June 4, 2019.

Maine NEW Leadership, developed to address the underrepresentation of women in politics and other leadership roles, is designed to educate and empower young leaders by giving them the skills necessary to become the next generation of effective civic and political leaders. The program includes presentations from politically active women throughout Maine, a visit with women legislators and policy advocates at the State House, and workshops for participants to actively develop leadership skills, such as public speaking, advocacy, and networking. Participants 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 students who are motivated to learn about the importance of women’s participation in public life and to develop their own leadership skills. Having already held leadership positions is not a necessary requirement for acceptance, those who show they have the potential for leadership are also encouraged to apply.

Please tell us why you believe:

- The applicant would benefit from participating in the program, and
- The program would benefit from the applicant’s participation

Please submit your letter of recommendation to: NEWL@maine.edu

Questions may be directed to: NEWL@maine.edu or Susan D’Angelo, Program Coordinator, at (207) 581-1648

Thank you for taking the time to provide a reference for a Maine NEW Leadership Institute applicant.

Please note, applications with letters of recommendation are due by Friday, February 1, 2019.

Maine NEW Leadership participants are expected to attend all Summer Institute sessions and stay in the housing provided by the program, May 30-June 4, 2019. In completing this application and typing your name below, you acknowledge that you are aware of these requirements, agree to meet this commitment, and have answered the application questions honestly and to the best of your ability.

21. Full Name *

22. Today’s Date *

Example: December 15, 2012