

## 2020 Maine NEW Leadership Summer Institute Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

Please submit the letter of reference to: [NEWL@maine.edu](mailto:NEWL@maine.edu)

Maine NEW (National Education for Women) Leadership will host its annual six-day residential undergraduate student leadership training program **May 28- June 2, 2020**. Students also have the option to register for a concurrent special 3-credit *Women and Leadership* course offered exclusively to NEWL participants.

Maine NEW Leadership, developed to address the underrepresentation of women in politics, is designed to educate and empower young leaders by giving them the skills necessary to become the next generation of effective 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

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Questions may be directed to: [NEWL@maine.edu](mailto:NEWL@maine.edu); or Susan D'Angelo ([susan.dangelo@maine.edu](mailto:susan.dangelo@maine.edu)), Program Coordinator, at (207) 581-1648

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

**Applications & Letters of Recommendation are due by February 1, 2020.**