



WeLEAD, a bipartisan leadership training program run by the Women & Politics Institute, is the only training in the country that works to increase the number of women working in politics and running for office. The program graduates are employed in the White House administration, congressional offices, campaign consulting firms, lobbying firms, and non-profit organizations. WeLEAD empowers young women, ignites their passions and prepares them to succeed in politics and public service.

The program targets women between the ages of 21 and 25. Monthly workshops focus on campaigns, communications, professional development, fundraising, and public policy. The annual WeLEAD Congressional Dialogue brings WeLEADers face-to-face with women in Congress. Evening events provide WeLEADers with opportunities to network and socialize with each other and with prominent women in politics and public service.

The Women & Politics Institute is a non-profit organization and participation in WeLEAD is free of charge for accepted applicants.

Please note: In order to qualify for participation in the WeLEAD program, you must be between **21 and 25 years of age**. Additionally, there are seven Saturday trainings scheduled over the course of the year. More than one unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the program.

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Please provide the following pieces information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth MM/DD/YY: _____

Local Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Party Affiliation: ☐ Democrat ☐ Independent ☐ Republican ☐ Other _____

Are you an alumna of American University? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you applied to the WeLEAD program before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Race/Ethnicity (optional): _____

Hometown City and State: _____

Are you a student or professional? ☐ Student ☐ Professional

Current affiliation (Students should note area of study and institutional affiliation. Professionals should note title and name of company/organization) _____

How did you hear about WeLEAD? _____

Please submit your **complete** application to:

Women & Politics Institute, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016

Only **COMPLETE** applications that include the following will be reviewed:

- Application Cover Sheet (this page)
- Current Resume
- Two Letters of Recommendation (if your recommenders do not want you to see their letters, then they should give them to you in signed, sealed envelopes. We must still receive everything in one packet)
- Short Answer Questions (next page)
- \$35 Processing Fee

Payment Information:

☐ I have enclosed a \$35 check made payable to the Women & Politics Institute.

☐ I wish to use my credit card

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Name as it appears on the card

Card Number

Expiration Date

Signature

Card Security Code (CSC)

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the three following questions (each response should be approximately 250 words).

1. How will you benefit from participating in the WeLEAD program?
2. Describe a previous leadership role in which you served and explain what you learned from the experience
3. Why is closing the gender gap in political leadership important to you?