



Do you want to **run for office** some day? Learn the ins and outs of **campaigns and elections**? Become acquainted with **fundraising, communications, and government relations**? Do you want to learn how to **climb the career ladder**? How about **join a growing network** of successful women in the DC area?

If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, then WeLead is the program for you!

WeLead, a bipartisan leadership training program run by the Women & Politics Institute at American University, works to increase the number of women working in politics and running for office. We empower young women, ignite their passions, and prepare them to succeed in politics and public service. WeLead graduates are employed in the White House and Congress, as well as at campaign consulting firms, lobbying firms, and non-profit organizations.

We target young women and conduct workshops that focus on campaigns and elections, communications and messaging, government relations, fundraising and development, and professional development. These sessions 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 the program, you must be between 21 and 27 years of age. In addition, you must be available to attend the program ***in its entirety***. We will begin with an orientation dinner on Friday, February 24th from 6 PM – 9 PM. The two-day intensive training will then be conducted on Saturday, February 25th and Sunday, February 26th, from 9 AM – 6 PM each day. All sessions will be held in the Founders Room, School of International Service at American University. **Please hold March 10th through 12th in case of inclement weather from February 24-26th.*

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Please submit your **complete** application by **Monday, December 5th** to:

Women & Politics Institute
4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Ward Circle Building, Room 237
Washington, DC 20016

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

- Application Cover Sheet (next page)
- 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
- \$50 Processing Fee

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Local Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Party (check one): 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: _____

Occupation/Position: _____

Company/Organization: _____

How did you hear about WeLead? _____

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 WeLead program?
2. Describe a 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?

Payment Information:

I have enclosed a \$50 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

Signature

Expiration Date

Card Security Code (CSC)