Women & Politics Institute’s Summer Session
PROGRAM APPLICATION
June 20 – July 1, 2011

Please complete both sides of this application and print clearly.
Submit your application as soon as it is ready. We will review applications upon receipt, as long as we receive them in full by April 1st.

Section 1: Personal Information

Name: ___________________________ ___________________________
Last ForenMI
Birth Date _____/_____/______ Social Security Number ______-_______-______ MALE female
Permanent Address: ___________________________________________
Street __________________________________________ Apt/Unit:
City State Zip:
Home Phone: (__) - ______________ Cell Phone: (__) - ______________ Email:

Section 2: Parent/Guardian Information

Mother: ___________________________ ___________________________
Last ForenMI
Home Phone: (__) - ______________ Cell Phone: (__) - ______________ Email:
Father: ___________________________ ___________________________
Last ForenMI
Home Phone: (__) - ______________ Cell Phone: (__) - ______________ Email:

If either of your parents lives at a separate address, then please indicate which parent and provide the address.
Parent with Secondary Address: ___________________________ ___________________________
Street: __________________________________________ Apt/Unit:
City State Zip:
Secondary Parent Address: ___________________________ ___________________________
Street: __________________________________________ City State Zip:

Section 3: Education Background

High School Name: ___________________________________________
High School Address: ___________________________________________
Street __________________________________________ Phone: (__) - ______________
City State Zip:
Cumulative Grade Point Average (include scale, e.g., 3.64/4.0) Expected Graduation Date:

How to Apply:

Admission Requirements

• Application Form
• Personal Statement
• Transcripts (official or unofficial)
• Academic Recommendation
• Processing Fee

Tuition / Fees

$3,615 includes:
• Three College Credits
• Daily Lunch
• Field Trips

Admission Deadline

We must receive complete applications (under one cover) no later than April 1, 2011.

For more information, please contact:

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A Message from the Director

Eighty-nine nations surpass the United States in the percent-age of women serving in the national legislature. In the U.S. Congress, 83 percent of the members are men. Three-quarters of statewide elected officials and state legislators are men. Men occupy the governor’s mansion in 44 of the 50 states. And men run City Hall in 93 of the largest 100 cities across the country.

The Women & Politics Institute strives to close the gender gap in political leadership.

• We provide young women with academic training that encourages them to become involved in the political process.

• We facilitate faculty and student research so as to enhance our understanding of the challenges women face in the political arena.

• We offer the only Graduate and Undergraduate Certificate in Women, Policy, and Political Leadership in the country.

• We give women the skills necessary to run for public office, pursue a variety of political careers, and develop their leadership capabilities.

• And our new Summer Program for High School Students expands these opportunities to pre-college students.

Thank you,
Jennifer L. Lawless
Director, Women & Politics Institute

Women, Policy, & Political Leadership

Jennifer L. Lawless graduated from Union College in Schen-ectady, New York, with a B.A. in political science. She received an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Stanford University. A nationally recognized ex-pert on women’s involvement in politics, she is co-author (with Richard L. Fox) of the book, It Still Takes A Candid-ate: Why Women Don’t Run for Office (2010). She has pub-lished numerous articles in political science journals and has issued two policy reports on the barriers to women’s candidate emergence. She currently serves as editor of Political Science Q. From 2003 – 2009, she was an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Brown University.

Do you want to...

• earn three college credits before you even begin your freshman year of college?

• experience what it feels like to be a college student?

• hear from both scholars and practitioners about why so few women hold public office and why it’s so important that more do?

• understand the barriers that women face on the campaign trail?

• ensure that your verbal and written communica-tion skills meet college standards?

If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions, then the Women & Politics Institute’s College Program for High School Students is for you!

Course Description

In this course, we will address women’s political participation over time, why so few women hold public office, and what women’s numeric under-representation implies for democratic governance and public policy outcomes. We will do this by taking full advantage of Washington, D.C. The Summer Session is a non-residential program that blends a traditional seminar style classroom experience with field trips and guest speakers who are expert and leading practitioners in the political arena.

Sample Schedule

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Section 4: Personal Statement

Directions: Please attach on a separate page answers to the following three questions (each response should be approximately 250 words and may not exceed 300 words).

1. How will you benefit from participating in the Women & Politics Institute’s Summer Session?
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?

Additional Materials

Teacher Recommendation Letter. Please ask a teacher to write a brief letter of recommendation. The letter does not have to be in any particular format, but should address why the teacher believes you would succeed in a demanding academic college environment, as well as in a program that focuses on women and politics.

School Transcript/official or unofficial. Please enclose a transcript with your final semester grades.

Processing Fee. Please include a non-refundable processing fee by check or money order in the amount of $50 payable to the Women & Politics Institute. If you would prefer to pay by credit card, then please call us.

Important: Your completed application (personal statement, letter of recommendation, school transcript, $50 processing fee, and application) must be enclosed in ONE ENVELOPE. Please send this package to:

Pamela Riis
Women & Politics Institute
American University
1400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004-8030

We understand that the individuals setting your letters of recommendation, as well as the office from which you will obtain your transcript, may want to send these materials directly to the Institute. Please ask them to instead provide you with the materials in a sealed envelope that you can enclose with your other application materials. We will only process complete applications that arrive under one cover. If this is not possible, then please let us know so we can make alternative arrangements.

Questions? Please call our office at (202) 885-2903 or email us at ap@american.edu.

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Director, Women & Politics Institute

Associate Professor of Government

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