



Do you want to **run for office** some day?

Do you want to learn the ins and outs of **campaigns and elections**?

Do you want to learn about **fundraising, communications, and government relations**?

Do you want to learn how to **climb the career ladder**?

Do you want to **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 administration, congressional offices, campaign consulting firms, lobbying firms, and non-profit organizations.

The program targets women between the ages of 21 and 27. Our monthly workshops focus on campaigns and elections, communications and messaging, government relations, fundraising and development, public policy, 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. Lastly, the annual WeLead Kick-Off brings WeLeaders face-to-face with women in Congress.

Please note: In order to qualify for participation in the WeLead program, you must be between 21 and 27 years of age. Additionally, you must be available to attend seven Saturday trainings (from 10 AM – 3 PM) scheduled over the course of the year. More than one unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the program. The Women & Politics Institute is a non-profit organization, and participation in WeLead is free of charge for accepted applicants.

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 by **Monday, June 2nd** 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 (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)
- \$40 Processing Fee

Payment Information:

I have enclosed a \$40 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?