



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. WeLeaders will be able to apply practical skills through in-session activities and a guided fundraising project. 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 30 years of age. Additionally, you must be available to attend six 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.

Please email your **completed** application (along with all supporting documents) to welead@american.edu by **Friday, August 10th**.

The entire application must be attached in a single PDF document and the subject line should read “WeLead 2018-19 Application Submission – First and Last Name”

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. **In this case, you must submit your complete application via postal mail**)
- Short Answer Questions
- \$50 Processing Fee

Paper applications can be submitted to Women & Politics Institute, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Kerwin 237, Washington, DC 20016, **postmarked by Friday, August 10th**.

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

Are you interested in running for public office? 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)