

2008

N.E.W. (National Education for Women's) Leadership  
Application

Please complete the application neatly, answering each question, if applicable.  
The deadline for submitting applications is 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2008.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: (First) (Middle) (Last)

Birth date:

Address during school year:

(valid from to )

Permanent Address:

Phone during school year: Cell Phone:

Email: Alternative Email:

Permanent address:  
(if different from above)

Hometown:

Preferred address for future mailings (check one): Campus Permanent

College in which you are enrolled:

Major:

Minor:

College year:

Grade Point Average:

Political Party Affiliation:

Please indicate which group best describes you? (This information is voluntary, check as many as apply)

1. Black (non-Hispanic) 2. Hispanic 3. Asian and Pacific Islanders

4. American Indian and Alaskan Native 5. Caucasian

## II. BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES AND ACTIVITIES:

Please attach a single typewritten page listing your (1) work or internship experiences, (2) volunteer commitments and activities, (3) leadership positions, (4) honors and awards.

## III. THREE WRITTEN ESSAYS:

Please type your essays on separate paper and attach to your application when it is submitted.

**Essay Question # 1 (150-200 words)** – N.E.W. Leadership participants benefit from exposure to a wide-range of perspectives. What contribution – either in terms of unique experiences or special skills – would you bring to N.E.W. Leadership that would enrich and inform others? What would you hope to take away from this opportunity?

**Essay Question # 2 (200-250 words)** – Describe a specific activity or organization in which you were directly involved as an activist or a leader. What challenges did you face, how did you resolve them, and what did you learn about yourself in the process?

**Essay Question # 3 (150-250 words)** – Identify a current or past woman leader in any field of endeavor whom you admire. Explain why you hold her up as a role model.

## IV. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

List below the names and addresses of two persons as references, at least one of whom should be a faculty member familiar with your academic and leadership ability and potential. **It is the your responsibility to deliver the recommendation forms to the persons listed above as references, who then need to return the completed form to the Carl Albert Center. All recommendations will be confidential.**

Reference #1. Please list name, address (Department or Other), phone number & email.

Reference #2. Please list name, address (Department or Other), phone number & email.

## V. OTHER:

Please tell us how you learned about N.E.W. Leadership.

## VI. COMMITMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

N.E.W. Leadership is a five-day residential summer leadership institute for undergraduate women that will be held May 16-10, 2008 on the University of Oklahoma's Norman campus. In order to successfully finish the program and earn the certificate of completion, participants are expected to *attend all scheduled sessions* and *stay in the housing provided for you* during that time. By signing this application, you acknowledge that you understand the commitment required to participate in N.E.W. Leadership and promise to abide by these guidelines if selected.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Selection Criteria: N.E.W. Leadership selects students with the intent of creating a class of individuals who represent varied backgrounds and experiences. Five primary criteria guide the competitive selection process:

- 1) Individual leadership potential;
- 2) Maturity, ability to deal with challenges, and capacity to reflect on one's own personal strengths and weaknesses;
- 3) Special interests, unique characteristics or diverse experiences which contribute to the N.E.W. Leadership learning goals;
- 4) Interest in politics, public service or public policy, and
- 5) Commitment to participate fully in the N.E.W. Leadership institute.

**Important Reminder:** In order to be considered for admission to the N.E.W. Leadership 2008 program, all of the required materials must be received by 4pm on Friday, March 14, 2008. These materials include: **1) completed application; 2) three written essays; and 3) two letters of recommendation.** Remember that the more information you provide about yourself, the better able we are to evaluate your application. Mail, fax or deliver your completed file to the Carl Albert Center (address below):

**N.E.W. Leadership**  
Carl Albert Center  
University of Oklahoma  
630 Parrington Oval, Room 101  
Norman, OK 73019-4031  
Fax: (405) 325-6419

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For more information or for accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact:

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