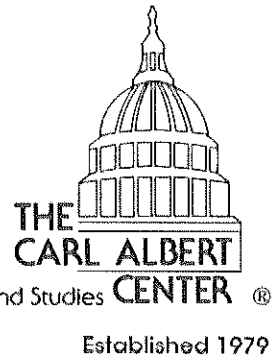


Women's Leadership Initiative
Educating, inspiring, empowering women to become political leaders



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I am writing to ask for your help in recruiting undergraduate students to apply to **N.E.W. (National Education for Women's) Leadership** - a statewide women's leadership program. N.E.W. Leadership is a five-day residential institute that encourages college women to consider careers in politics and public service. Its mission is to educate, inspire and empower women to become political leaders. This award-winning program, now entering its eighth year, is free for all selected participants (including room, board, and materials) and will be held this year from May 19-23 on the University of Oklahoma's Norman campus.

Approximately thirty undergraduate women from across Oklahoma representing a variety of colleges, backgrounds, majors, and class years will be selected through a competitive process to comprise the N.E.W. Leadership Class of 2009. We seek students who are interested in politics, public policy and who demonstrate strong leadership potential.

All undergraduate women in Oklahoma from any college or university, including Oklahoma residents attending college outside of the state, may apply. We will accept students who graduated in December 2008 and who will graduate in May 2009.

Enclosed are several brochures regarding the N.E.W. Leadership program. We hope you will help us get this information into the hands of prospective N.E.W. Leadership participants. Additional copies of this brochure can be downloaded at www.ou.edu/carlalbertcenter/leadership. Students are encouraged to use the on-line application at www.ou.edu/carlalbertcenter/leadership/2009application.htm. The application deadline is **Thursday, March 5, 2009**.

Thank you for helping us spread the word about N.E.W. Leadership. If you have questions or would like additional brochures, please contact me at 405-325-6372 or kfitzgerald@ou.edu.

Sincerely,

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