

NEW Leadership Illinois Recommendation Form

To be completed by applicant (please type or print legibly):

Please give this form to each of the two people who will be submitting recommendation letters on your behalf.

Applicant's Name: _____

To be completed by writer of recommendation:

Recommender's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NEW Leadership Illinois is a non-partisan, week-long residential program for college women designed to increase women's representation in all elements of public life, including elected office. The program challenges our brightest students to think critically and creatively about public policy and encourages them to make a commitment to public leadership early in their careers. Women leaders from the state, including Illinois women legislators, serve as mentors in the program. The program is structured to emphasize active learning.

Your evaluation will be an important part of the candidate's application to NEW Leadership Illinois. We are interested in your assessment of the applicant's academic achievement and potential; campus, community, or political involvement; and leadership achievement and potential.

SECTION I: Please rate the student on the following dimensions:

| <i>Dimension</i> | <i>Below Average</i> | <i>Average</i> | <i>Above Average</i> | <i>Outstanding</i> | <i>Unable To Judge</i> |
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| Leadership Ability or Potential | | | | | |
| Motivation/Commitment to Service | | | | | |
| Ability to Contribute to Diversity in Leadership | | | | | |
| Interpersonal Skills | | | | | |
| Intellect | | | | | |
| Maturity | | | | | |
| Initiative | | | | | |

SECTION II: Please attach a letter of recommendation on your own stationary or letterhead. Please tell us:

(1) How long you have known the student and in what capacity, (2) Examples or observations that demonstrate the candidate's potential to become a leader, and (3) Why you believe this candidate is well-suited for the Summer Institute.

Please send the completed form to us directly at: NEW Leadership, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, 815 W. Van Buren St., Suite 525, Chicago, IL 60607. If you wish to e-mail it to us, please do so at igpa@uillinois.edu. For questions or more information call 312-996-6188, e-mail igpa@uillinois.edu or visit our website at <http://www.igpa.uillinois.edu/public-engagement/new-leadership>

Thank you for taking the time to provide a recommendation!