NEW LEADERSHIP NV

Frequently Asked Questions

What's the Cost?
by Jean Munson, Program Manager

FREE!

Thanks to the generosity of our community partners, WRIN covers the costs of your meals, housing, and program materials. All NEW Leadership Nevada students are required to stay at the UNLV dorms for the duration of the program if in person, or log on if virtual. We recognize that this program conflicts with some summer classes and family responsibilities; however, you must be able to commit to attending all of the sessions during the week. Because each day includes a full day of sessions, you will not be able to attend summer classes or work during this conference week.
Am I Eligible? How do I apply?

Any college student enrolled in a Nevada college or university is eligible to apply, including students who will have graduated at the end of the 2020 fall semester or in spring 2021.

Nevada residents attending a school outside Nevada are also eligible to apply. You do not need to be a political science major or be involved in student government to be considered.

We encourage students with a variety of interests and backgrounds to apply because we believe that everyone who attends benefits in some way; academic and cultural diversity makes NEW Leadership Nevada an even more enriching and impactful program.

Online applications open in October 2020. Applications must be received by the end of February 2021 to be considered for our Summer Institute. Students will be notified of their acceptance in mid-March. Early application is recommended. To get an email when the application process opens, email newl@unlv.edu and request to be added to the NEW Leadership Updates list.

What's the time commitment?

NEW Leadership NV conference will be held for one week at the beginning of June on the UNLV campus.

In person conference hours during that week start from 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. each day.

Virtual conference hours are from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a off screen lunch break.
How will this help me in my college career or future?

While some of us hate to think about politics, we are all part of the political process in one way or another.

If you worry about tuition increases, care about the environment, or volunteer at a local shelter, then politics and government affect you! Every day, important decisions are made that have an impact on your life and your future. And those decisions don't just happen in the halls of government. Politics is in your local community center, on your campus, in your neighborhood, within organizations you belong to, and lots of other places.

At NEW Leadership Nevada, you will get a chance to meet all kinds of women involved in politics, women just like you who are making a difference. And, you will develop the skills you need to join them.

NEWL Alum Testimonials

Before NEW Leadership I was in a very dark place surviving domestic violence, human trafficking, suicide and homelessness. Just before NEW Leadership I had begun to take my life back by enrolling in school but I was still living in domestic violence. NEW Leadership gave me the confidence to break free from my past, to leave my relationship and to believe in my dreams again. It gave me the skills I needed, the friendship and support system I needed and it helped me to believe in myself again. -Jessica Halling

I was a mother of four kids, married to my second husband and trying to go back to school to finish my bachelor degree. I had worked for years in the escrow/title insurance industry and we had moved our family from Las Vegas to Elko. I felt like my life was a roller coaster. But one of my professors recognized in me leadership skills, I didn't think I possessed. NEWL was an incredible experience, I still speak often with my fellow alum from NEWL. I graduated in 2011 with my undergrad, went to UNR for my MBA and began teaching economics and finance at Great Basin College. I am now tenured faculty and am currently working on my doctoral studies. -Brandy Nielson
Still not convinced?

Participating in NEW Leadership Nevada will be a part of your professional development, a credential you can put on your resume.

This award-winning program is nationally recognized. A time to develop new skills, or work on ones you have already been exercising. Time to apply those skills to do something about an issue or problem you've been concerned about on your campus or in your community.

Time to work and have fun with a small group of young women from across the state. An opportunity to meet women leaders from a variety of fields and ask questions in an informal atmosphere. A chance to find a mentor, internships, and future employment!

More questions? Reach out!

We have so many people who can fill in where you have questions. Here are some options:

1. **NEW Leadership Alums**
   - Check our website for their video testimonials and email them any questions you have.
   - They are down to earth leaders and friends!

2. **Women’s Research Institute of Nevada Interns**
   - Check the staff page of WRIN to email any of our interns. They are alums of our program as well or have coordinated in the previous year’s programming.

3. **Program Manager Jean Munson**
   - She's also an alum of the program in 2009! She'd love to hear! Reach her on newl@unlv.edu and she's available on a web call too if you need!

Take a chance on success & self discovery!