

The Network of Emerging Women in Politics [Deadline Extended] 2022 Cohort Application - Sierra Leone Delegation



Introduction

Are you actively engaged in your political party? Do you see yourself as a rising political star in your country? Are you planning to run for office? Do you want to win an election? If these apply to you, then the Network of Emerging Women in Politics (NEW Politics) program is the right opportunity for you.

In 2019, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) launched The Network of Emerging Women in Politics (NEW Politics) program to prepare young women to step into leadership roles and cultivate the skills needed to conduct successful electoral campaigns and win elections. The program is now accepting applications for its second run. The NEW Politics program will offer a series of workshops, mentorship, and networking opportunities over a six-month period to enable young women to better participate in the political process.

The NEW Politics program is a training, networking, leadership, and training platform. The program will include a week-long “boot camp” of intensive training, as well as four advanced training modules focused on developing advanced skills such as communication, policy development, advocacy, mobilization, recruitment and voter outreach, fundraising, budgeting, and resource development.

Networking and mentorship are critical components of the program. Program participants are encouraged to lean on their fellow participants for support and engagement both during and beyond the program. Moreover, as leaders in their communities, members are encouraged to mentor and train other women to foster a network of motivated, politically active women. Finally, members should strive to raise the voices of their fellow participants and other women in their political parties well beyond the program’s conclusion. To that end, applicants should demonstrate their commitment to long-term engagement with their parties, and are expected to submit a **personalized letter of recommendation** from a leader in their party that attests to the value that the applicant can bring to the network.

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How to submit your application

You can use any of the following platforms below to submit your application to the NEW Politics program:

1. **In-person.** If you choose to submit your application in-person, then kindly deliver to 17B Mara Drive, Off Hill Cot Road, Freetown.
2. **Via email.** If you choose to submit your application via email, please send to adane@ndi.org, newpolitics@ndi.org, jnyallay@ndi.org
3. **Through Google form.** You may use the link below to submit your application in Google form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegUxCxRcUP71LuIXdrupYg5ZUQjLsl2rlxvbxmz1lp0x1fhg/viewform>

If you are using Google form, It is advised that you read through the application and think about your responses prior to submitting the form. Please be aware that you must complete the entire form in one sitting; you will not be able to save and close out your work without submitting. You will receive a confirmation of your form submission.

Requirements

- Be a woman between 18 and 35 years of age.
- Be a citizen of a country in the Mano River Region.
- Be a member of a political party
- Must submit a **personalized letter of recommendation** from a political party along with the application form.
- Have made a commitment to participate from February - September 2022.
- Have a one-year valid passport at the time of their application.
- **Application deadline is January 13, 2022**

Name	
Address	
Primary Phone	
Secondary Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Age	
Language	French: <input type="checkbox"/> Reading <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking <input type="checkbox"/> Writing
	English: <input type="checkbox"/> Reading <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking <input type="checkbox"/> Writing

1. Which of these social media applications do you use?

Facebook LinkedIn Twitter Whatsapp Instagram

2. Where do you get news?

Social media Newspapers
 TV Other, please explain:
 Radio

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3. How do you access the internet?

- Phone
- Computer
- Other, please explain:

4. Can you name two women political leaders you look up to (they can be local or international names)?

- 1.
- 2.

5. What is your highest educational qualification ?

- Secondary school (some)
- Secondary school (completed)
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Doctorate
- Others, please explain:

6. What organizations are you involved in?*

- Political parties
- Business associations
- Community groups
- Civil society organizations
- Others, please explain:

7. Please tell us about your political and/or leadership experience, including participation in any political groups (such as a political party, university organizations, etc.) and any leadership responsibility you have taken on within that group. (200 words max)*

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8. What are your political ambitions?*

- Run for office
- Manage a campaign
- Advocate for policy issues
- Start a political advocacy group
- Other _____

9. How will this program help you achieve your political ambitions? (200 words max)*

10. What skills will most help you to achieve your political ambitions? (please list up to 4)

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11. Participants will be required to design and complete a project prior to the conclusion of the program. These could include (but are not limited to): advocacy campaigns, training of women in your local community, writing a policy paper, or conducting a community needs survey. If selected to participate in the program, what might you be interested in pursuing for the project?

12. What makes you the most outstanding candidate to participate in The NEW Politics Program? (200 words max)*

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that there is a time commitment involved in the NEWPolitics Program and if I am accepted as a participant I agree to make this commitment.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	