



2011 PROGRAM APPLICATION INFORMATION

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Emerge New Mexico Program (the “Program”) is a non-profit political training program for Democratic women in New Mexico who demonstrate an interest in running for elected office. The Program is designed to provide:

- a thorough overview of the political process and what it takes to run a successful and effective campaign;
- opportunities to practice and strengthen political leadership skills such as public speaking, fundraising, and campaigning;
- direction on how to develop a network of political supporters; and
- opportunities to meet women who hold elected office in New Mexico and other states.

2011 PROGRAM DATES

Currently classes are scheduled one Saturday per month from April through October. Applicants must commit to attending all of the following:

KICKOFF RECEPTION:	FRIDAY, APRIL 8 (EVENING ONLY)
TRAINING DAY:	SATURDAY, APRIL 9
TRAINING HALF-DAY:	SATURDAY, APRIL 30 (MORNING ONLY)
TRAINING DAY:	SATURDAY, MAY 14
TRAINING DAY:	SATURDAY, JUNE 11
TRAINING DAY:	SATURDAY, JULY 9
TRAINING DAY:	SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
TRAINING DAY:	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
GRADUATION DAY:	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Application Information

Emerge New Mexico seeks bright, self-motivated women who are committed to effective and ethical political leadership.

Criteria for selection to the Program include:

- New Mexico residency;
- **Current registration as a member of the Democratic Party;**
- evidence of political leadership potential and/or experience, and meaningful involvement in workplace or community;
- interest in running for political office;
- demonstrated ability to bring together disparate groups to achieve a goal;
- ability and desire to build effective networks;
- ability to articulate a personal political vision;
- demonstrated ability to inspire others.

Emerge New Mexico will select between 15-25 women from New Mexico who meet the above criteria and who we believe have the potential to be political leaders.

Emerge New Mexico embraces diversity and encourages applications from all women regardless of age, race, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, religious affiliation, sexual orientation or physical ability.

Interviews

Emerge New Mexico will review completed applications and select finalists for the Program. Finalists may be invited to attend an interview in December 2010 and January 2011. From these interviews, the 2011 Program members will be selected.

Application Fee

There will be a one-time application fee of \$50,00, which is to be submitted with your application. Applications that do not have the application fee attached will be deemed incomplete. Make all checks payable to "Emerge New Mexico".

Tuition

Tuition for the Program is \$250. Tuition offsets the cost of EmERGE New Mexico's out-of-pocket costs for providing the weekend training sessions. EmERGE New Mexico believes that individual financial circumstances should NOT be a barrier to participation in the Program. Partial financial aid may be awarded after admission to the Program based on the stated need of each applicant.

Time Commitment

The success of the Emerge New Mexico Program depends upon commitment to the Program's entire schedule by each participant. Each participant must commit to attending each of the seven scheduled training days. Additionally, some time outside of regularly scheduled training days will be necessary for preparation and "homework."

Emerge New Mexico participants are also required to volunteer for a minimum of 25 hours during the seven-month program on a political campaign of their choosing or for Emerge New Mexico.

NOTE: You are expected to attend ALL of the following Program Dates. In the case of an emergency, ONE absence may be considered excused.

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Application Deadline

ONE COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH YOUR RESUME must be **MAILED** to Emerge New Mexico and **RECEIVED** no later than **December 1, 2010**.

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2011 Application
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APPLICATION FOR CLASS OF 2011

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Best e-mail contact: _____

Ethnicity (optional): _____

Occupation: _____

Business Address: _____

Cell phone: _____

**Emergency Contact
Person and number:** _____

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS

Please select from essay 1 or 2. Additionally complete essays 3 and 4, required as part of your application (a total of 3 essays.) Please restate the essay question at the beginning of each essay.

1. Please describe your leadership role on a project in which you were responsible for both achieving a goal and motivating others to achieve the same. (750 words or less).
-----OR-----
2. Please describe three examples of your achievements in public, community, and/or political involvement. (750 words or less).
-----AND complete BOTH essays below----- **(for a total of 3 essays submitted)**
3. Select an elected office for which you can envision running and describe why you are interested in this office, your political vision for this office, and why you think you could win. (750 words or less).
4. Please describe how you believe your identity will impact your ability and desire to run for public office (1000 words or less).¹

¹ Emerge New Mexico embraces diversity. Describe how your identity (age, race, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, marital status, religious affiliation, physical ability, has or will affect your political aspirations).

FINANCIAL AID

Emerge New Mexico believes that individual financial circumstances should NOT be a barrier to participation in the Program. Full or partial financial aid may be awarded upon admission to the program. *If accepted, will you be requesting financial aid for your tuition (please circle)?* Yes No

**What specific circumstances would prevent you from paying full or partial tuition?
Please attach a statement.**

PARTY REGISTRATION

Include a copy of your voter registration card.
 I have verified my party registration/affiliation as a Democrat.

RESUME AND BIO

Submit a professional-quality resume (no more than two pages), including political, community and volunteer experience. Additionally, submit a short biography of no more than 150 words.

REFERENCES

Two letters of reference are required as a part of your application. Please forward the reference forms to individuals familiar with your commitment to the communities in which you are involved. Please instruct references to mail letters directly to EmERGE New Mexico. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that reference letters are received *in advance of the Application deadline*. Applications will not be considered complete unless they include two letters of reference.

Reference 1

Name: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (day): _____ E-mail Address: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Reference 2

Name: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (day): _____ E-mail Address: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

FOR OUR INFORMATION

To assist Emerge New Mexico in improving its program recruitment, please state how you learned about the Program. Please be as specific as possible.

- Colleague: _____
- Emerge New Mexico Board member: _____
- Political Organization: _____
- Publication: _____
- Emerge New Mexico Website (www.emergenm.org): _____
- E-mail Announcement from: _____
- Information Session: _____
- Professor: _____
- Other: _____

DECLARATION ON APPLYING

In submitting this application, I affirm that:

I have reviewed the entire application and, to the best of my belief and knowledge, the information I have given is true and accurate. If selected for Emerge New Mexico, I will use the skills and knowledge gained to advance opportunities for Democratic women in the political process and interests of the Democratic Party and its candidates. If selected, I will complete the Program in its entirety. Emerge New Mexico may dismiss me from the Program if my performance proves unsatisfactory due to lack of interest or ability, unsatisfactory attendance, progress or conduct, violation of confidences shared during the program, or for any reason deemed by Emerge New Mexico to be detrimental to the overall program.

I am a registered Democrat and a resident of New Mexico.

Name of Applicant (please print): _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Signature: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Your application must be received by December 1, 2010.

Please mail your completed application to:

**Emerge New Mexico
Women Leaders for a Democratic Future
P.O. Box 27207
Albuquerque, NM 87125-7207**



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please complete and submit the entire application. Your file will be considered complete when all of the items of the application checklist are received in the Emerge New Mexico office. Please do not submit any additional letters of recommendation or supplemental application materials other than those specifically requested in the application checklist.

- Completed 3-page application form.
- Three essays written in response to Political Engagement questions.
- \$50.00 Application Fee (Make checks payable to Emerge New Mexico.)
- Statement regarding your need for financial aid, if applicable.
- Copy of voter registration card.
- Professional-quality resume (no more than two pages), including political, community and volunteer experience.
- Biography no longer than 150 words.
- Two letters of recommendation, mailed directly to Emerge New Mexico by the references.



APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION FORM

Instructions to Emerge New Mexico Applicant:

Name of Applicant: _____

Instructions to the Applicant: Upon receipt of this form, Emerge New Mexico may contact your references by telephone for verification purposes. By signing below we ask that you acknowledge and agree that we have your permission to contact your references and that you are waiving any right you may have to inspect the letters of recommendation.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Instructions to Reference Provider:

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- A thorough overview of the political process and how to run a successful campaign;
- Opportunities to strengthen political leadership skills (i.e. public speaking, fundraising);
- Direction on how to develop a network of political supporters; and
- A forum to meet women who hold elected offices in New Mexico and other states.

Detailed information on the Program can be found at www.emergenm.org.

Thank you for writing a recommendation letter for the Emerge New Mexico Program applicant named above. We seek insight into the applicant's commitment to the political process. Your candid opinion of the applicant's character, attitude and leadership qualities is appreciated.

To be successful in the program, applicants must possess the following:

- Evidence of political leadership experience and meaningful involvement in workplace or community;
- Interest in running for political office;
- Demonstrated ability to bring together disparate groups to achieve a goal;
- Ability and desire to build effective networks;
- Ability to articulate a personal political vision; and
- Demonstrated ability to inspire others.

Please answer the following questions on your professional letterhead (if appropriate).

1. What is your name and contact information?
2. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
3. What are the applicant's strongest qualities? Areas for improvement?
4. What are specific examples of how the applicant meets the attributes listed above?

Please make sure your letter and this form are **received by December 1**. Send directly to:

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