



2017-2018 Scholarship Application

The Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN) sponsors need-based financial aid for outstanding students interested in attending public policy seminars. PLEN scholarships will cover all or a portion of students' program, registration, and housing fees associated with attending the seminar. Students awarded any level of financial aid will be responsible for funding their own transportation, meals, and any remaining dues for program, registration, and housing fees not covered by the financial aid award. *Preference will be given to currently enrolled undergraduate women*, but current graduate students and recent graduates are welcome to apply. Students successful in securing a scholarship will be required to contribute a blog post on their experiences to [The Plenary](#), and we hope that students will remain engaged with PLEN after their seminar.

Please select which seminar you are interested in attending. *Applications are accepted on a rolling basis*, but the deadline is listed beside each seminar.

- [Women, Law, and Legal Advocacy](#) (October 19-21, 2017) **DEADLINE: Sept 7, 2017**
- [Women in Corporate and Nonprofit Leadership](#) (November 2-4, 2017) **DEADLINE: Sept 7, 2017**
- [Women in STEM Policy](#) (January 2-6, 2018) **DEADLINE: Nov 21, 2017**
- [Women in Public Policy](#) (January 9-13, 2018) **DEADLINE: Nov 21, 2017**
- [Women and Congress](#) (March 12-16, 2018) **DEADLINE: Jan 29, 2018**
- [Women in Global Policy](#) (May 14-18, 2018) **DEADLINE: Jan 29, 2018**

Application Cover Sheet

Name: _____ School: _____

Your School Address: _____
(i.e. your dorm room, mailbox or local apartment address)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Alt. Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Alt. Email: _____

Please note that all communication regarding the seminar will be sent via email. List an email address that you check regularly.

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Academic Year: Freshman/First Year Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Other

Date of Birth: _____ Major: _____ GPA: _____

How did you hear about the PLEN scholarship?



Race/Ethnicity: _____

Are you a first-generation college student? Y or N

I hereby apply for the PLEN Need-Based Scholarship to attend PLEN's seminar, and if awarded the scholarship, I am certain that I can attend the seminar and finance my travel and other personal expenses. If I accept the scholarship and fail to attend the seminar, I will pay the \$125 cancellation fee. After the seminar, I will contribute a blog post to PLEN's The Plenary blog.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Application Requirements: In addition to the above cover sheet, applicants must submit all portions of the application package to be eligible for PLEN aid.

Please submit items 1-4 (cover sheet, resume and essays) in one PDF document.

- 1. Completed application cover sheet**
- 2. A current resume**
- 3. Essay A:** In less than 500 words, answer the following question: How will attending the seminar you indicated above help you achieve your career goals?
- 4. Essay B:** In less than 500 words, answer the following question: How will you use your PLEN experience to enrich your community or your university campus?
- 5. Letter of recommendation:** Letter attesting to student's strong characteristics and deservingness of the scholarship. Letters can be emailed directly to PLEN by the recommender, with the recommendation form in this packet.
- 6. Proof of financial need:** Letter or statement from student's academic institution delineating the student's financial aid award for the current semester. A student aid report from FAFSA is also acceptable. Letter can be emailed directly to PLEN with the form in this packet.

Applications must be submitted by email to
plen.scholarship@gmail.com

Direct questions to this email or 202-872-1585

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.



Letter of Recommendation Form

Please ask your evaluator to complete this form and include it with their letter of recommendation, and email to the below address.

Name of Student: _____

Seminar Applying For:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Women, Law, and Legal Advocacy (October 19-21, 2017) DUE 9/7/17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women in Public Policy (January 9-13, 2018) DUE 11/21/17 |
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Name of Evaluator: _____

Title and Professional Affiliation: _____

Student's Relationship to Evaluator (Professor, Employer, Advisor, Community Member, etc):

Number of Years Acquainted with Student: _____

Evaluator's Email Address: _____

Evaluator's Telephone Number: _____

To the evaluator:

The above named applicant is applying for need-based financial aid to attend a Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN) Seminar. A letter of recommendation is needed that will attest to the student's interest in policy and attending the above seminar.

The student has selected you to give the PLEN Scholarship Committee some insight into what makes her a good candidate for the need-based financial aid. Please describe as concisely as possible the reasons you believe this to be true.

Please submit **this form** and **recommendation letter** by email to:

PLEN Scholarship Committee, plen.scholarship@gmail.com, phone: 202-872-1585



Proof of Financial Need Form

Please submit a copy of your student aid report from FAFSA, scholarships received, and/or a letter from your school's financial aid office, and submit via email with this form to the below address.

If you do not qualify for FAFSA, please include a letter from your financial aid office attesting to the fact, and submit via email with this form to the below address.

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Title and Professional Affiliation: _____

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Evaluator's Telephone Number: _____

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