Looking for A Few Good Women

The Vesta Roy Excellence in Public Service Series is a political leadership training program for New Hampshire Republican women who have an interest in politics and public service. Their mission is to increase the number and influence of Republican women in elected and appointed government and political positions at the local, state, and federal levels.

Each year the Vesta Roy Series awards up to 12 fellowships to women who pledge to seek a policy-making position in government or in the Republican Party within five years. Fellows are selected from a statewide field of applicants who have demonstrated leadership skills in their chosen fields of work or in service to their community. All must display a commitment to achieving full participation of women in politics and government and must be registered Republicans.

During a series of monthly meetings from September to June the program provides both informational and skills-building sessions to give participants the confidence to turn interest into activism. Past topics have included gender psychology, running a meeting, using social media, writing a bio and press release, overview of New Hampshire government, interview techniques, Republican Party structure, running a campaign, fundraising, and public speaking. While the Series does not take positions on specific issues or candidates, it does encourage women to explore and develop their own political philosophy and then use that to serve the community.


Participants in Vesta Roy Series intensive training program attend day-long seminars each month beginning in September and ending with graduation in June. The sessions include both informational content and training in practical skills such as:

- New Hampshire Government
- Republican Party organizations and opportunities
- Writing a news release and your biography
- Running a marvelous meeting
- A day at the State House
- Looking right and sound bites
- Tips on giving a great speech
- Campaigns and fundraising

In the spring, the class travels to Washington, DC for a multi-day program with participants from other states’ Excellence in Public Service programs. They meet with the New Hampshire GOP delegation on Capitol Hill and attend briefing sessions on major federal issues, followed by a little sight-seeing.

Armed with necessary information, useful skills, and a wide array of contacts, our graduates are ready to move to the next level of public service, whether as candidates, campaign operatives, government appointees, or party officials.

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