



Selection Process and Program Requirements

All information submitted in the application is confidential, as is the fact that an individual has submitted an application. If chosen as a finalist, a candidate must be available to present herself for a personal interview at a location to be determined by the Selection Committee. Interviews will be scheduled to occur in late July or early August.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to choose program participants based on its own selection criteria, but primary weight will be given to an applicant's commitment to public/political service. The Selection Committee is most interested in those candidates who the Committee feels will be most likely to utilize their leadership skills and political training in New Hampshire. Applicants must be registered to vote as Republicans.

Notification of acceptance to the program will be given in August. The program commences each year in September and ends in the following June. There is a three day trip to Washington, DC in the spring, frequently in May.

The Vesta Roy Series Board of Governors has approved a list of Participant Responsibilities which address certain issues relevant to Fellows' participation in the Series. The Participant Responsibilities are listed below, evidencing the Series expectation that Fellows:

1. Attend all scheduled classes and commit the entire day to the class. Graduation from the program is dependent on attendance. Missing two (2) classes, or portions of several classes, regardless of the reason(s) for the absences, will result in the Fellow's failure to graduate from the program with her class year. On a case by case basis and with the approval of the Board of Governors, Fellows may be allowed to "make up" missed classes the following class year, which may allow graduation with the following year's class.
2. Attend the Washington DC Trip in its entirety. Failure to attend the Washington DC trip in its entirety during the Fellow's class year may result in the Fellow's failure to graduate with her class year. On a case by case basis and with the approval of the Board of Governors, Fellows may be permitted to have the opportunity to attend the Washington DC trip with the following year's class, which may result in graduation with the following year's class. If the Fellow cancels her participation in the trip after the Series has incurred non-refundable expenses related to her attendance, the Fellow shall reimburse the Series for expenses related to the trip.
3. Secure approval from employer (if applicable) for attendance at scheduled Vesta Roy Series programs, classes, and trips. Please remember that more than one absence from classes or missing the Washington DC Program may result in the Fellow's failure to graduate.
4. Pay the \$250 registration fee prior to the first class day. This fee is nonrefundable.

5. Incur the expense of transportation to the in-state training sessions and events, and the Washington, DC program.
6. Provide a digital photo (head and shoulders) of yourself prior to the first session of the Series. Photos will be taken on the first day of class of any Fellows who have not already provided one.
7. Prepare and send thank you notes to all program speakers, for both the in-state classes and the Washington DC Program, within 10 days of their presentations.
8. Purchase a ticket for and attend a majority of the Series' networking and fundraising events, as participating in and learning about how these events function is a necessary personal, professional, and political skill. Please be aware that these events occur outside of normal class time.
9. Participate in all activities of the Vesta Roy Series, including any homework, projects, and other assignments associated with the classes. Please note that one of these assignments will be to plan, host, and execute the Series' Spring Mixer, or other similar fundraising event as determined by the class and approved by the Board of Governors or Program Committee Chair. Graduation from the Series may be denied to any Fellow who, in the Board of Governor's discretion, has not fulfilled her obligations as a Fellow in the Series.
10. Commit to increase your level of participation in the public arena during the next 5 years by running for office; accepting a party leadership post; obtaining a governmental appointment; working for or running a campaign to elect Republicans; or holding other high-level public sector position.
11. Observe the policy of the Vesta Roy Series that the organization does not endorse candidates in primaries or take positions on issues. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Fellows are encouraged to participate in primary campaigns for candidates of their choice.
12. Communicate with the Series if things change for you. The Series understands that much can change in a Fellow's life during the course of a year and that such changes may interfere with a Fellow's ability to continue to perform these Participant Responsibilities. In such circumstances, the Fellow is encouraged to communicate with the Series' Chairman about her situation as soon as possible, so that the Fellow and the Series can work toward a mutually acceptable understanding regarding the Fellow's participation in the Series.