

Indian American Center for Political Awareness

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WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (WLP) SUMMER 2005

The Indian American Center for Political Awareness (IACPA) invites college students to apply to our Summer 2005 Washington Leadership Program (WLP) in Washington, DC. IACPA is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the participation of the Indian American community in public policy and the political process.

Over ten years, the WLP has given more than 150 Indian American students the opportunity to intern in Washington, DC. The WLP is an eight-week internship program where participants are placed by IACPA in Congressional offices. In addition to the internship, participants attend special meetings and events to fully expose them to the Indian American political Diaspora. Past programs and events have included meetings with Indian American elected officials, Ambassadors and Indian Americans who are working in Congress, the Federal Government and local and state agencies.

The WLP internship will run from **June 13, 2005 – August 5, 2005**. All students who are either US citizens or legal permanent residents are encouraged to apply. Selection to the WLP is highly competitive and not limited to students pursuing majors in social sciences. The backgrounds of past participants have ranged from medical school to art and social work. Interns will receive a total stipend of \$1,500 and will be required to complete 2-3 short writing assignments during the internship. The deadline to apply for the WLP is **February 1, 2005**. Finalists may be contacted for a telephone interview and all applicants will be notified of final selections in **March 2005**.

Should you have any questions or would like further information about the program, please contact the IACPA office at 202.955.8338 or via email at iacfpa@iacfpa.org.

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Application for Washington Leadership Program (WLP) Summer 2005

June 13, 2005 – August 5, 2005

Deadline to submit application: MUST be postmarked by **February 1, 2005**

Part I: Biographical Data

Name: _____

Circle one: Female Male

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Circle one: **(ONLY U.S. CITIZENS OR U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENTS MAY APPLY TO THIS PROGRAM)**

U.S. Citizen

U.S. Permanent Resident

Father's name: _____ Occupation: _____

Father's Place of Birth: _____ (if India, please state where)

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Place of Birth: _____ (if India, please state where)

Part II. Contact Information

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Present Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Part III: Education

Present undergraduate institution: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Year in school: (Circle one of the following):

- First
- Second
- Third
- Fourth
- Other –specify _____

Major Field of Study: _____

Minor Field of Study: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Degree: _____ GPA: _____

Part IV: Public Policy Interest Areas/ Political Affiliation:

(**Note:** This information will not affect your selection into the program but will help guide IACPA to place interns in appropriate offices.)

Which political party do you affiliate yourself with:

- Republican
- Democrat
- Reform
- Green
- Independent/ Other
- None

In order of priority, please rank from 1 to 3 (1 being the highest, 3 being the lowest) your major areas of interest: **Only 3 subject areas can be chosen in this section.**

Agriculture	_____	Foreign Affairs	_____
Economy	_____	Health	_____
Education	_____	Labor	_____
Energy	_____	Media	_____
Environment	_____	Urban Affairs/ Housing	_____
Justice	_____	Other (Specify)	_____

Part V: Letter of Recommendation

Please provide one letter of recommendation by an individual (other than a family member) who can comment on you. The letter must be written on official letterhead (where applicable) and should be included with your application in a sealed envelope. Please, present instructions in ATTACHMENT A to the recommender.

Part VI: Resume

Please submit a current copy of your resume with your application. Your resume should highlight leadership positions, community service activities, and any public policy-oriented work or internships.

Part VII: Essay

Please submit an essay (500-800 words) on **one** of the topics listed below. Essays should be typed and include your full name, social security number, and date.

- *When an Indian American candidate enters an election, the Indian American community will often come out in strong support of that candidate regardless of party affiliation or platform. Is it more important to see Indian Americans elected to office (local, state and federal)? Or is it more important for the Indian American community to elect politicians who more closely represent their views? Is it fair to assume that an Indian American politician will hold views that are always favorable to the Indian American community?*
- *Are there any national issues that confront the entire Indian American community? If so, what are they and has the community been successful in addressing those issues. If there are no issues, please explain why?*

Part VIII: Additional Information

Have you interned on Capitol Hill before? Yes / No

If yes, what office did you work for and how long? _____

Have you applied for this program before? Yes / No

How did you learn about the program? _____

Mail the Application to:

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Application **MUST** be postmarked by **February 1, 2005.**

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Questions? Email iacfpa@iacfpa.org, or call IACPA's Washington office at 202.955.8338.

I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To Whom It May Concern:

_____ (*Applicant's Name*) has applied for the Summer 2005 Washington Leadership Program (WLP) sponsored by the Indian American Center for Political Awareness (IACPA).

The letter of recommendation you provide for this applicant will help us better evaluate the applicant's potential as a WLP intern. This information should include the capacity in which you know the applicant, the applicant's disposition and ability to work with others; leadership ability and potential, and any other information, which will help establish a comprehensive view of the applicant. Please make this information available on your official letterhead and return to the applicant in a **sealed** envelope.

You may also mail your letter directly to our office to the following address, which must be postmarked by **February 1, 2005**:

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