

The Griffiths Leadership Society for Women

Mentoring & Networking Program

2009-2010 Student Membership Application



The Griffiths Leadership Society for Women is the catalyst for global connections among diverse and distinguished MU student leaders and alumnae. Through lifelong learning, leadership development and mentoring, members stimulate their potential and that of other MU women, while supporting the best interests and traditions of Missouri's flagship University.

Membership consists of alumnae with a wide variety of backgrounds and career paths as well as current MU women undergraduate, graduate and professional students seeking to expand their connections and career knowledge. The Griffiths Leadership Society mentoring and networking program is based on the exchange of ideas and experiences by women of all ages.

The Griffiths Leadership Society is seeking women students with a variety of career interests to participate in the program. The ideal candidates will have strong leadership skills, outstanding scholarship, a positive attitude and a sincere interest in personal and professional growth. Through participation, student members are sure to gain increased insight into the unique issues that women face in the workplace and personal life as well as develop friendships with women who can help them find or maintain the path to success.

Eligibility

All full-time female students who will be enrolled in 2009-2010 as a junior, senior or graduate-level student in good standing with the University may apply to be a Griffiths Leadership Society Student Member. She must also be a member of the Mizzou Alumni Association (not required to apply). Applicants will be evaluated on their academic standing, service to the university and community, and leadership abilities. The goal is to have a diverse group of women to exchange ideas and conversation.

Participation

In order to reap the benefits of this program, students selected for participation are expected to attend two annual conferences held on a Friday evening and Saturday. It should be noted that many of the alumnae members are giving up their time at the office and with their families to travel to Columbia "on their own dime" to take part in Griffiths Leadership Society activities. Students are expected to make equal adjustments to their schedules to participate fully in the program. Additional leadership opportunities are available to participate on Griffiths Leadership Society committees.

Terms

Students are selected to serve a one-year term from July 1– June 30. Provided that students meet participation requirements, they then have the opportunity to return to the program each subsequent year that they are enrolled as MU students.

Cost

The cost to participate in the program is \$40 per year. These annual dues help to cover the cost of all meals scheduled during the bi-annual conferences as well as all meeting supplies and activities. Students must also be members of the Mizzou Alumni Association. Scholarship opportunities are available for students who need assistance. There is no cost to apply to the program.

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To Apply:

Complete the application form and attach it to your responses to the four essay questions. The form must be neatly printed or typed. **Transcripts must be included; unofficial transcripts will be accepted. Resumes are not necessary and will not be forwarded to the selection committee.**

All materials should be returned to Griffiths Leadership Society, 123 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 or via email to huffmancn@missouri.edu. **The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2009.** All materials must be received by this date to be considered. All applicants will be notified of their status by email in April. Meeting registration information will be sent in the summer. If you are selected, please be prepared to submit a photo (head and shoulders preferable) for the directory. New members will also be invited to a reception in April.

If you have any questions, please contact Carin Huffman Grinch at the Mizzou Alumni Association, (573) 884-3204 or (800) 372-6822 or by e-mail at huffmancn@missouri.edu. Visit our website at www.griffithsleadershipsociety.com for more information.



*The Griffiths Leadership Society for Women is named for
Martha Wright Griffiths (1912-2003)
a 1934 MU economics graduate.*

The Honorable Ms. Griffiths practiced law and presided as a judge before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for ten terms. She is remembered as the woman most responsible for including women in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and for influencing the ERA movement more than any woman in the modern era.



Leadership development of women through mentoring relationships.

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*Please attach a current transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable) with your application.
A resume should not be attached to your application. Please do not use abbreviations on application.*

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Name _____ Student Number _____

Local Address (fall '09) _____
Street Number/Residence Hall Zip Code

Local Telephone Number _____ E-mail address _____

Hometown _____

Summer Address _____
Street Number City State Zip Code

Summer Telephone Number _____ Alt. E-mail Address _____

Class Standing (Fall '09): Junior Senior Masters Doctoral Professional

Members must be enrolled at Mizzou as full-time students in 2009 – 2010.

GPA _____ Expected Graduation Month/Year _____

College/Major (*Ex: Arts & Sciences/Psychology*) _____

Campus, Community & Professional Activities _____

Professional Internship, Job Experience & Conference Presentations _____

Professional Aspirations _____

Hobbies _____

Are you currently a True Tiger or life member of the Mizzou Alumni Association (required for membership in the Griffiths Leadership Society)?

Yes I am a member of the Mizzou Alumni Association.

No, but I am willing to join the Mizzou Alumni Association.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please answer the following questions on one typed page (one page total for all four questions).

1. Why do you want to join the Griffiths Leadership Society?
2. What does it mean to be a "leader"?
3. Give an example of how your involvement in one organization or activity (student organization, work experience or community activity) made a difference to that program or organization.
4. Will you attend the two annual conferences? The conferences are scheduled for October 9 & 10, 2009, and April 9 & 10, 2010.