



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

One copy of this application along with your current resume must be emailed, postmarked or submitted in person by **Wednesday, November 18, 2015**.

Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series
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The application must be completed in full. Applications that are incomplete or are postmarked, dropped off or emailed after the due date are not eligible. Do not include materials other than those requested in this package. Should additional references or information be required, you will be contacted and asked to submit them. **PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW THE LINCOLN SERIES TIME COMMITMENTS.**

If you are chosen as a Lincoln Excellence Series finalist, you must be available for an in person interview on a Saturday in the first half of December. **You will be notified of the specific date and location.** At the time of the interview, you must provide proof that you voted in the 2012 and 2014 Republican primary elections. The documentation is available from your county clerk or local election commission. At the interview we will provide you with a calendar identifying the proposed dates of the 2016 class sessions.

All information is confidential. The selection committee reserves the right to choose program participants based upon the basic selection criteria. Primary weight will be given to candidates the selection committee believes will be most likely to use their leadership and commitment to public service.

If you are awarded a Lincoln Excellence Series Fellowship, you must provide the following items within 30 days of receiving notice.

1. Formal letter of acceptance
2. A photograph, portrait style, no larger than 5 x 7 (electronic format preferred)*
3. A short paragraph style biography suitable for publishing on our website*
4. A letter from your employer approving your time off from work
5. A check for \$500 payable to the Illinois Lincoln Series for administrative costs (Sponsorships by third parties are acceptable.)
6. A copy of your driver's license**

*Your photograph and biography will be posted on the Lincoln Series Website, www.lincolnseries.com.

**Your driver's license will be used to book the airline ticket for the Washington, D.C. program.



PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

All Fellows are expected to:

1. Attend all scheduled programs and commit entire day(s) to each. Graduation from the program is dependent on attendance. Excused absences for personal emergencies only. Two absences will result in dismissal. Any excused absence will require volunteer time on a campaign for the hours missed as determined by the Lincoln Service Board of Governors. (See page 3.)
2. Pay the \$500 registration fee, due within 30 days of acceptance of participation in the program. (Sponsorships are acceptable from third parties.)
3. Raise \$1,000 in in-kind sponsorships or donations to the Lincoln Series.
4. Commit to increase your level of participation in the political arena during the next five years by: running for office, accepting a party leadership post, obtaining a governmental appointment, working for or running a campaign to help elect Republicans, or holding other high-level public sector policy positions.
5. Prepare and send thank you notes to monthly program speakers (as designated) within 10 days of completion of a program.
6. Honor the confidentiality of all information shared during the program.

Signed _____

Dated _____

PUBLICITY RELEASE

I _____ give my permission to use both my name and photograph in any publicity or press release with respect to the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series which the Board of Governor's deems appropriate. I agree to provide a photograph (head) of myself and a short biography to be used on the website within 30 days of receipt of the letter of acceptance to the Illinois Lincoln Series.

Signed _____



TIME COMMITMENT

To give applicants an idea of the time commitment required of all Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series Fellows, below is an overview of the program schedule. You will be required to stay at a designated hotel. The Lincoln Series pays for lodging expenses. Fellows are responsible for their own travel costs in connection with all in-state programs. Travel expenses are tax deductible as permitted by law.

Dates and Location to be finalized

Class of 2016 TENTATIVE Program Dates

January 25, 2016 Sunday and Monday	Orientation, Protocol, and Etiquette Meet the Board Dinner Chicago, IL
February 19-20, 2016 Friday and Saturday	Public Speaking Du Page County
March 15-17, 2016 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	State Government Springfield, IL
April 19-21, 2016 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Federal Government Washington, D.C.
May 22, 2016 Sunday	Nuts and Bolts of the Republican Party Peoria, IL
June 24-25, 2016 Friday and Saturday	Fundraising & Messaging Carbondale, IL
August 20-21, 2016 Sunday & Monday	Ethics in Leadership Bloomington, IL
September 17-18, 2016 Sunday and Monday	How to Handle the Media Champaign, IL
October 6, 2015 Thursday	Graduation TBD



APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

NAME: (Circle One) **Ms. Mrs. Miss**

First

Middle Initial Last Name

NICKNAME (Name Known):

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):

HOME ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

FAX:

CELL:

EMPLOYER:

TITLE (If Applicable):

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

PHONE

EMAIL:

FAX:

CELL:

***Please check the mailing and email address to which you prefer to have information sent.**



BACKGROUND DATA

Professional Organizations

In the space below, please list community, civic, professional, political, business, cultural, religious, social, athletic, etc., organizations to which you have volunteered your time without monetary compensation. Please indicate how you assisted the organization and for how long.

Special Honors/Awards/Leadership Activity/Other Achievements:

In the space below, please list the year the achievement was recognized, and specify the significance of the award as related to this application.

In your career, what do you consider to be your most outstanding achievements (personal, political, career)?

Briefly tell us about women who are your role models and why.



Did you vote Republican in the last primary?

List the following:

- County/Township/Ward where you vote _____
- Your Congressional District _____
- Your State Senate District _____
- Your Legislative District _____

Name and address of your Republican County Chair:

Name and address of your Republican State Central Committeeman:

How did you first learn about the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series?

In your own words, please tell us why you feel you should be selected as a Fellow, what you can offer the political system, what you can offer the future of our state and country, and how you would help advance women in the Republican Party and in government. (Attach a one-page statement.)



CLOSING STATEMENT

I understand that if accepted into the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series, my attendance is mandatory at all sessions, except in case of emergency.

Signed _____

Date _____

The following two pages are forms for your letters of recommendation. You may include them in your packet, OR, they may be mailed (emailed) directly to the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series. It is your responsibility to make sure the letters are received on time.

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CAREER/ACTIVITIES REFERENCE INFORMATION

To be considered as a candidate for the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series, you must have a reference by a business/professional/community associate in a management capacity that is familiar with your work.

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR SPONSOR:

I hereby recommend _____ as a candidate for the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series for the year 2016. I am not related to the nominee.

NOTE: If more space is needed, please continue on an additional page.

Please explain why you feel the person you are recommending should be considered for the Series.

Please explain how you know the nominee and why you are recommending this candidate.

Signature: _____

Name:	_____		
Address:	_____		
Title (If Applicable):	_____		
Phone:	_____	Fax:	_____
Email:	_____		

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REPUBLICAN PARTY REFERENCE INFORMATION

To be considered as a candidate for the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series, a fellow Republican must sponsor you.

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR SPONSOR:

I hereby recommend _____ as a candidate for the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series for the year 2016. I am a member of the Republican Party in good standing and am not related to the nominee.

NOTE: If more space is needed, please continue on an additional page.

Please explain why you feel the person you are referring should be considered for the Series.

Please explain how you know the nominee and why you are referring this candidate.

Signature:

Name:			
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