



2025 Citizens' Academy Participant Application

The Florida League of Cities states, "Citizens' academies are an excellent way to educate residents, build positive relationships and increase communication between city government officials and citizens, as well as inspire future municipal leaders."

With this in mind, we have created a program and invite you to apply to participate, if the following criteria are met:

- ✓ Live in the city limits or own a business/property in the city limits.
- ✓ Are over the age of 18.
- ✓ Can commit to attending all class sessions.

Classes will be offered from 1pm to 5pm at various locations in the city. Transportation information will be provided once the class roster has been established.

The current class schedule is as follows:

Session 1: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Getting to know your city

A brief history of St. Augustine and the fundamentals of city government. Welcome remarks by Mayor Nancy Sikes-Kline and other city leadership.

Session 2: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Examining safety and security in the city

Get an inside look at the St. Augustine Police Department and St. Augustine Fire Department. Tours will be provided by our Chiefs, and you will meet some of our front-line first responders.

Session 3: Wednesday, April 9, 2025:

Understanding Utilities & Public Works

Be prepared to walk through our treatment plants – Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment – and our Solid Waste Department. From clean drinking water, to flushing your toilet, to recycling. Where does it all go?

Other discussion topics include GIS, Environmental Compliance, Stormwater, Streets & Grounds, and Meter Maintenance.

**Session 4: Wednesday, April 16, 2025****Exploring the nuts and bolts of Planning, Building and Development**

Tour the 4th Floor of City Hall and learn about the many facets of the Planning & Building Department, including Code Enforcement, Historic Preservation, and our volunteer citizen boards (Planning and Zoning Board, Corridor Review Committee, and Historic Architectural Review Board).

Other discussion topics include Community Outreach, Engineering and Development, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Resilience, and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Session 5: Wednesday, April 23, 2025**Discovering other city services**

While taking a tour of the Downtown Historic Parking Facility, the Visitor Information Center and the Municipal Marina, we will look at the challenges of Mobility and Parking

This day will include our IT Department and a discussion about current innovative technology and cybersecurity initiatives.

Session 6: Monday, April 28, 2025**City Commission Graduation**

Upon completion of all Citizens' Academy sessions, the City Commission will present the class with a Certificate of Completion and program lapel pin.

Submit completed application via email to cosa@citystaug.com or drop-off to the Office of the City Manager, Lobby A, 4th Floor, 75 King Street, St. Augustine, FL 32080; mail to PO Box 210, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Application deadline is March 9. Class size is limited to 20, on a first come first served basis.



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The undersigned wishes to apply for selection to voluntarily participate in the 2025 Citizens' Academy.

Applicant Name: _____

The following statement qualifies me to participate in the Citizens' Academy:

- ☐ I live in the city limits
My address is: _____
- ☐ I own property in the city limits
The property address is: _____
- ☐ I own a business in the city limits
The business name and address is: _____
- ☐ I am over 18 years old.

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ I need assistance with accessibility/translation (please explain):

Please write a brief paragraph describing your reason for applying and what you hope to gain from this experience:

- ☐ I hereby attest that my typed "Applicant Name" above qualifies as a signed name for the purpose of completing/submitting this form electronically.

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Date received: _____