

CITY OF LAWTON CITIZEN'S ACADEMY
Information, Application and Materials



What is the Citizens' Academy?

It is important that we, as city government, take advantage of every opportunity to educate our citizens on how their tax dollars are being spent. The Citizens' Academy is a free interactive program designed to familiarize the general public with the roles, services, and operations that comprise Lawton City Government. The program focuses on educating residents, business owners, and interested persons of Lawton on how daily city government operations contribute to building a better community.

Standards for Admissions

- Applicants must make a commitment to attend all sessions. Applicants will receive one to two emergency absences. Applicants must agree to the terms and conditions of the program.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old and must be able to provide their own transportation.
- Applicants must either be a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma, a business owner in Lawton, or employed full-time in Lawton.
- Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The primary form of communication from City officials to class participants will be via email.
- The Citizens' Academy is a learning and informational program. Acceptable conduct and attire standards will be maintained by participants to assure each session is a positive experience.

Participants will:

- Meet with Lawton City Council members, department heads and staff.
- Learn how decisions are made, how city funds are allocated and how departments operate.
- Enjoy comprehensive overviews of departments and programs and services.
- Discover the current status and future plans for Lawton's development, traffic, growth management, recreation, the environment, and other topics.
- Participate in lively discussions, role-playing, and other fun interactive activities.
- Tour and view city facilities, receive t-shirts and educational materials.
- Learn how to best navigate the official City of Lawton website.
- Become an informed and involved citizen.

Citizens' Academy Schedule

- The Citizens' Academy is a 14-week course that will occur from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday beginning July 28, 2022, through October 27, 2022.
- Unless otherwise noted or communicated, all classes will take place at Lawton City Hall, which is located at 212 SW Ninth Street in downtown Lawton.

- July 28, 2022: Orientation/City Manager's Office
- August 4, 2022: City of Lawton Birthday Celebration
- August 11, 2022: Legal Services and Municipal Court
- August 18, 2022: Lawton Police Department, Lawton Fire Department and Public Safety Center
- August 25, 2022: Emergency Communications
- September 1, 2022: Library at Lawton Public Library
- September 8, 2022: City Clerk's Office and Human Resources
- September 15, 2022: Finance and Engineering
- September 22, 2022: International Festival Setup from Parks and Recreation at Elmer Thomas Park
- September 29, 2022: Public Works
- October 6, 2021: Public Utilities at Southeast Water Treatment Plant
- October 13, 2022: Information Technology Services
- October 20, 2022: Community Services
- October 27, 2022: Graduation

APPLICATION

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

Are you Lawton Resident? Yes No

What is your t-shirt size? (Please list a size from Small to 4X.) _____

Why are you interested in attending the Lawton Citizens' Academy?

What are the top three issues you think need to be addressed most by local government?

Please let us know of any allergies you have and/or special accommodations you may need:

How to submit your application:

- Applications can be returned by email to publicaffairs@lawtonok.gov or by physical mail or in-person to the City of Lawton City Manager's Office at 212 SW Ninth Street, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501. Physical mail will need to be made attention to Communications and Marketing.

Questions

For questions, contact the City Manager's Office at 580-581-3301 or by email at publicaffairs@lawtonok.gov.