

Fall 2008 Application

The Charleston County Citizens' Academy provides an opportunity for area residents to learn about Charleston County government. The 12-week course covers services and operations of county government, how they are paid for and by whom, and what issues drive decisions on whether or how to provide them. Informed citizens will foster stronger working relationships between government and the community it serves.

The Academy requires a significant time commitment. The fall classes will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., from August 12 to November 3, 2008. An optional all-day field trip also is offered. Graduation will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at the Charleston County Council meeting. Participants must commit to attend all sessions.

The class is limited to 35 participants. Minimum age to attend is 18, and participants must be residents of Charleston County. Continuing Education Units from the College of Charleston will be available for those who successfully complete the course.

Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis through August 1, 2008. Participants will be notified during the week of August 4th. The first class is Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

There is no fee to attend this course.

Sessions will be taught by elected officials and county staff. Classes will be held in several county facilities, including the Lonnie Hamilton III Public Services Building in North Charleston and Judicial Complex in downtown Charleston. Some classes may include field trips and tours.

Applications may be faxed to (843) 958-4023

or mailed to

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Charleston County Citizens' Academy

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Questions? Please call (843) 958-4081.

Application deadline is Friday, August 1, 2008.

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Please print clearly, or type.

Full Name _____
Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Fax _____
Email address _____
Employer Name & Address (if applicable) _____
Title or Job Description _____

- I am a resident of Charleston County.
- I am 18 or older.

Do you require any special accommodations to participate in this program? (Please explain.)

How did you hear about the Citizens' Academy? _____

Would your schedule allow you to attend one afternoon session? Yes ___ No ___

Why do you want to attend the Citizens' Academy? _____

What services or government functions are you primarily interested in learning more about?

Please provide some personal history: interests, community involvement, accomplishments, etc.

I give my permission for Charleston County to use any still photography or video footage in which I may appear for whatever purpose(s) deemed appropriate. I do this voluntarily and with the understanding there is no remuneration. In addition, I release the County from any liability involved in transporting me to and from County properties during any field trip that might take place.

Signature Date

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