

# CITY OF LAWTON CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

*Information, Application & Materials*



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## **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 (1-2 emergency absences may be granted) and agree to terms/conditions of program.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old and must be able to provide their own transportation.
- Participants must be a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma, a business owner in Lawton, or employed full-time in Lawton.
- Applications are 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 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 website.
- Become an informed, involved citizen.

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## *Schedule of Events*

14-week course

Every Thursday from July 25, 2024 to October 24, 2024

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

***Unless otherwise noted or communicated, all classes will take place in the Banquet Hall at Lawton City Hall, 212 SW Ninth Street in Downtown Lawton.***

July 25, 2024: Orientation/City Manager's Office

August 1, 2024: City of Lawton Birthday Celebration | McMahon Memorial Auditorium

August 8, 2024: Lawton Police Department/Lawton Animal Welfare | Public Safety Center

August 15, 2024: Lawton Fire Department | Public Safety Center

August 22, 2024: Information Technology Services & Emergency Communications

August 29, 2024: City Attorney's Office & Municipal Court | Public Safety Center

September 5, 2024: City Clerk's Office & Human Resources

September 12, 2024: Lawton Public Library | 110 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street

September 19, 2024: Finance & Engineering

September 26, 2024: Parks & Recreation | Owens Multipurpose Center

October 3, 2024: Public Works

October 10, 2024: Public Utilities | South East Water Treatment Plant, 4596 SE 15th Street  
Lawton, OK

October 17, 2024: Community Services & Planning

October 24, 2024: Graduation

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**APPLICATION (DUE 7/15/2024)**

FIRST NAME

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LAST NAME

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EMAIL ADDRESS

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PHONE NUMBER

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STREET ADDRESS

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CITY AND ZIP CODE

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ARE YOU A LAWTON RESIDENT?

YES

NO

WHAT IS YOUR SHIRT SIZE? \_\_\_\_\_

(S-4X)

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE LAWTON CITIZENS ACADEMY?

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WHAT ARE THE TOP THREE ISSUES YOU THINK NEED TO BE ADDRESSED MOST BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

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PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY ALLERGIES YOU HAVE AND/OR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS YOU MAY NEED:

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*Please return in-person or by mail to the City Manager's Office (212 SW Ninth Street, Lawton, OK, 73501), ATTN: CAITLIN GATLIN; or by email at [publicaffairs@lawtonok.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@lawtonok.gov)*