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2024 CITIZENS ACADEMY INFORMATION SHEET

Program Description:

The Citizens Academy is held in the fall and offers a behind-the-scenes look at the criminal justice system. Participants learn about the specific roles of law enforcement officers, attorneys, judges, and jurors, while being exposed to the inner-workings and complexities involved in prosecution. Citizens can practice what they have learned by participating in a mock trial, arguing a criminal case as prosecutors. In addition to the mock trial, assistant district attorneys present on a wide range of topics including Criminal Justice 101, the “CSI Effect,” the opioid epidemic, gangs, and other trends impacting our community.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be at least 18 years old
- Applicant must live or work in Knox County
- Applicant must agree to a background check

Important Dates and Times:

- Application Deadline: Friday, July 15
- Program Acceptance Notice: Thursday, August 1
- Citizens Academy Dates/Times:
 - Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Aug. 27, Sept. 3, Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, and Oct. 8

Program Contact Information:

Community Affairs Director
Office of the District Attorney General
P.O. Box 1468, Knoxville, TN 37901
dag@knoxcounty.org
865-215-2515



CITIZENS ACADEMY APPLICATION

Complete all sections (if not applicable, indicate with N/A). Attach additional pages, if needed.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	Suffix:
Other names used:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Preferred Phone Number:	Email:		
Gender: Male Female	Date of Birth:		
Current Employer/Occupation:			
How long have you lived in Knox County?	Years	Months	
How long have you worked in Knox County?	Years	Months	

2. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Please tell us about your educational background including the highest level of education you completed.

3. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: Please describe your employment history.

4. YOUR INTEREST: Why are you interested in attending Citizens Academy?

5. HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT CITIZENS ACADEMY?

6. CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Include any present or past membership on city or county committees, commissions, boards, and/or any other community involvement.

7. HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN OTHER TYPES OF CITIZENS ACADEMIES? Include name of program and year of participation.

8. DO YOU HAVE ANY PAST ARRESTS, CONVICTIONS, OR PENDING CIVIL OR CRIMINAL COURT CASES? Include all misdemeanors and felonies. *Do not include traffic tickets.*

9. JURY SERVICE

Are you currently serving as a Juror?	Y	N
Have you received a Juror Summons for a future date?	Y	N
Have you ever served as a Juror in Knox County?	Y	N

10. MEDIA RELEASE AUTHORIZATION:

I grant to the Office of the District Attorney General for the 6th Judicial District, its representatives and employees, the right to take photographs, audio recordings, and video of me and my property. I authorize the Office of the District Attorney General for the 6th Judicial District, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use, and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that the Office of the District Attorney General for the 6th Judicial District may use such photographs and videos of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as community education and outreach.

11. BACKGROUND AUTHORIZATION:

I understand that a criminal background and warrant check will be conducted by the Office of the District Attorney General for the 6th Judicial District, as part of the application process. I hereby authorize any law enforcement agency to release to the Office of the District Attorney General for the 6th Judicial District, any information that the law enforcement agency has about me, whether public, personal, or confidential, for the limited purpose of aiding and evaluating my eligibility for participation in the Citizens Academy. I understand that I will not receive and am not entitled to know the contents of confidential reports received from any law enforcement agency. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless the law enforcement agencies, their agents, and any person furnishing information from all liability arising out of furnishing and inspecting such documents and information.

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Signature of Applicant
(Electronic signature is acceptable)

Date

Return form via email to:

OR

Print form and mail to: Attn: Community Affairs – Citizens Academy
Office of the District Attorney General
P.O. Box 1468
Knoxville, TN 37901