

2019 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 have the opportunity to 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, human trafficking, 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 to be completed by the District Attorney General's Office.

Application Instructions:

- Download an application from the "Community Affairs Programs" webpage on the Office of the District Attorney General's website, www.knoxcounty.org/dag.
- Email or mail the completed application to the contact listed below by Friday, June 28.
- If you have questions or need assistance with your application, please contact Jackie Myers.

Important Dates and Times:

- Application Deadline: Friday, June 28
- Program Acceptance Notice: Friday, July 19
- Citizens Academy Dates/Times: Sept. 3, Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, and Oct. 15; from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. each session.

Program Contact Information:

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