



OFFICE *of the* DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District • Charme P. Allen

## 2021 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, 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:

- Request an application from the program contact. Their contact information is listed below.
- Complete and return the application to the program contact by **Friday, July 30**.

### Important Dates and Times:

- Application Deadline: Friday, July 30
- Program Acceptance Notice: Friday, August 6, if not sooner.
- Citizens Academy Dates/Times:  
Aug 31, Sept. 7, Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept. 28, Oct. 5 & Oct. 12; from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. each session.

### Program Contact Information:

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