

Citizen's Academy Application

To be considered for the Spring 2017 session,
please complete the information requested
below and return it to Nash County by 5 p.m.
January 17, 2017.

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address: (if different from mailing) _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Work Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Employer Name & Address: _____

Current Position: _____

Have you ever served on a board or
commission? Yes No
If yes, please list: _____

Are you interested in serving on a
town/city/county board or commission?
 Yes No

How long have you been a Nash County
Resident? _____

What is your Shirt size? (S,M,L,XL—XXXL)
Men's _____ (available in tall sizes also)
Women's _____

Please list any civic, professional, business,
religious, social, or other organizations which you are a
member. If new to Nash County, you may include
activities in other communities.

How did you hear about the Citizen's Academy?

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Years as Member</u>	<u>Position Held</u>
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Optional:

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Age: Under 18 18-24 25-39 40-55
 56-70 71 or over

Do you need any special accommodations in
order to participate in this program?
 Yes No

Will you be able to attend all 10 classes?
 Yes No

If not, please explain: _____

Please return this form by January 17, 2017 to:

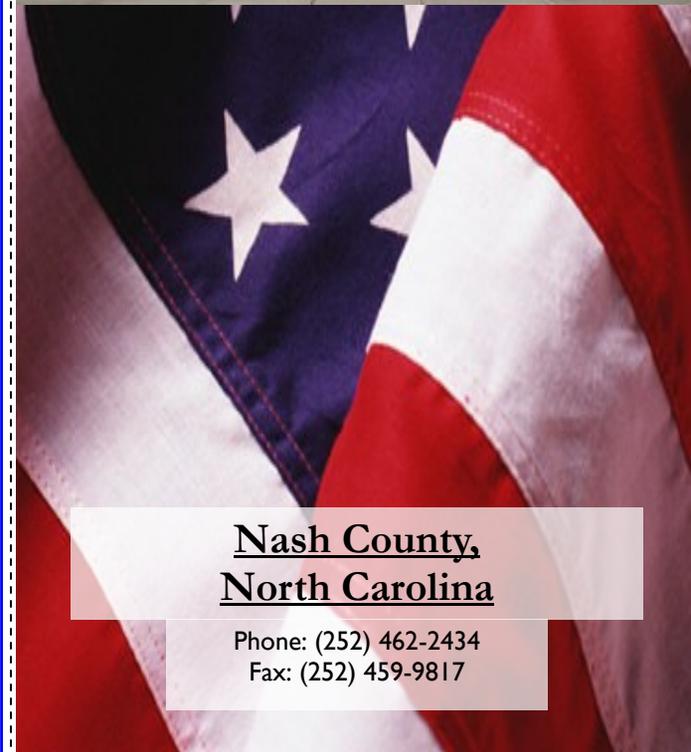
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The Citizen's Academy is provided at **no charge** to participants.

Questions? Call (252) 462-2434.

Sign up by January 17!

Nash County Citizen's Academy



Nash County,
North Carolina

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WHAT IS A CITIZEN'S ACADEMY?

The Nash County Citizen's Academy provides an in-depth look at the many functions of county government from the citizen's viewpoint.

The program is a ten-week course that focuses on direct services, such as emergency services, social services, the health department, the sheriff's department, register of deeds, recreation, cooperative extension, conservation, elections, aging services, planning/inspections, solid waste management, and water/sewer.

This program is coordinated by a single staff member, but each session is led by department and division heads. Graduates gain an appreciation for the county's capacity to meet the needs of the community.

BENEFITS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

In exchange for this substantial commitment of time and energy, the participants acquire:

- A "behind-the-scenes" familiarity with community services.
- The chance to meet and make connections with other civic-minded residents.
- The knowledge and personal contacts to become more effective leaders in their neighborhoods, etc.
- An understanding of some opportunities to serve our county.



BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY

The organization and the community as a whole benefit from the Citizen's Academy, often in ways the board and staff did not anticipate. Some benefits include:

- The opportunity for staff members to share new county initiatives.
- A ready source of qualified and motivated applicants for appointed boards and committees.



This is what participants from past Citizen's Academies had to say:

"I have a PhD, but the Academy was a good and practical addition to my education. It was one of the most interesting and, yes, educational, courses I ever had."
- Mark Frohman (2009)

"At the first meeting I was so impressed with the information about Nash County that when I went home and told my wife, she wanted to attend. We were thrilled with the Citizens Academy, it is wonderful for all ages."
- Roger Taylor (2014)

"The Citizen's Academy not only taught me about how my county functions, but it also afforded me the opportunity to participate in county-wide committees as a volunteer."
- Sheldon Bullock (2008)

"All of the sessions were interesting and well presented. It really makes you proud of Nash County when you see the positive things that are going on."
- Ken & Wanda Powell (2014)

"I feel better informed and enriched from my experiences from the well planned and organized class. I encourage everyone to participate."
- Barbara High Tyre (2008)

"Nash County Government Works" Citizen's Academy Class of 2017

"Nash County Government Works" is a series of classes designed to inform citizens about their County Government.

The 2017 Citizen's Academy is scheduled for Tuesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Dinner will be provided.)

**January 24, 31
February 7, 21, 28
March 7, 21, 28
April 4, 11**

Locations will vary, but will be in Nash County.

(Graduation is scheduled to be held at 9 a.m. on May 1, 2017)



**For more information please contact:
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