

## Citizen's Academy Application

To be considered for the Spring 2020 session, please complete the information requested below and return it to Nash County by 5 p.m. January 17, 2020.

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>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### **Optional:**

Gender: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female | Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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 list any food allergies (dinner will be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form by January 17, 2020 to:**

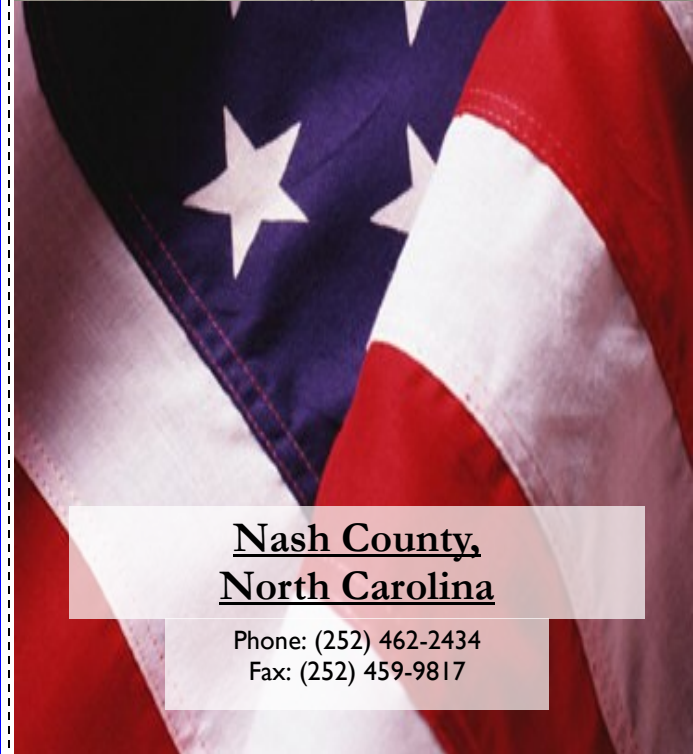
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*The Citizen's Academy is provided  
at no charge to participants.*

*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 many functions of county government from the citizen's viewpoint.

The program is a 10-week course that focuses on direct services, including: the sheriff's office, emergency services, register of deeds, social services, health department, recreation & senior services, aging, elections, cooperative extension, soil & water conservation, planning/inspections, and water/sewer. We also learn about travel & tourism, economic development, the community college, & the public schools.

This program is coordinated by a single staff member and 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 Participants

In exchange for their commitment of time and energy, the participants gain:



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



### BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Nash County benefits from the Citizen's Academy, often in ways we did not anticipate, including:

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

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

"The Citizens Academy is quite interesting. You get to experience coverage of several different types of work that we take for granted."

- Betty Bisette (2018)

"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)

"Learning about county government helped me appreciate the work our employees do to better all of our lives."

- Garry Hodges (2018)

"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)

"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)

"Just as impressive as the competence and professionalism of our Nash County Administrators, is the enthusiasm, enjoyment, and sense of purpose they display."

- Richard Cobb (2018)

"In addition to networking with fellow citizens, the Citizen's Academy also provided resources that are helpful for the citizens of Nash County."

- Joyce Winstead (2018)

Please sign up by January 17 !!

### "Nash County Government Works" Citizen's Academy Class of 2020

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

The 2020 Citizen's Academy is scheduled for *Monday evenings* from *5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.* (Dinner will be provided.)

February 3, 10, 17, 24  
March 9, 16, 30  
April 20, 27  
May 4

Locations will vary, but will be in Nash County.

(Graduation is scheduled to be held at 12:30 p.m. on May 18, 2020.)



For more information please contact:  
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