



The Citizens' Government Academy is designed for Muscogee County residents and business owners who want to better understand local government and become more engaged in the community.



Be Curious

Ask questions and learn directly from the people who deliver city services.



Be Present

Participants should commit to attending the full academy experience.



Be Engaged

Share ideas, build connections, and take what you learn back into the community.

Ready to Learn How Your City Works?

Join a community of residents who are informed, connected, and ready to make a difference.

★ HOW TO APPLY ★

Applications are accepted during the announced enrollment period. Class size is limited, and selected applicants will receive confirmation and session details.



Columbus Consolidated
Government

Citizens' Government Academy



LEARN ★ CONNECT ★ ENGAGE

A behind-the-scenes look at
Columbus Consolidated
Government

Discover how local government
works-and how you can help
shape the community we call
home.

What Is The Academy?

The Citizens' Government Academy is an interactive civic education program that gives participants a closer look at the people, departments, and decisions that keep Columbus moving.

Through department spotlights, candid conversations, and behind-the-scenes experiences, participants gain a practical understanding of how services are planned, funded and delivered.

See Government Differently



What to Expect

Department Spotlights

Hear directly from the teams responsible for essential city services.

Interactive Discussions

Ask questions and explore the opportunities and challenges facing local government.

Behind-the-Scene Tours

Visit facilities and see public service in action.

Community Connections

Build relationships with city staff and engaged residents.

Real-World Impact

Work with classmates to explore a community-focused idea or issue.

Graduation Celebration

Complete the program and be recognized for your commitment to civic learning.

Why Participate

Understand

See how local decisions move from idea to implementation.

Connect

Meet city leaders, employees, and fellow community members.

Contribute

Use your knowledge to participate more confidently in civic life.

Topics May Include

Leadership & Administration

How priorities, policies, and citywide services are coordinated.

Finance & Public Resources

How the city builds its budget and manages taxpayer resources.

Planning & Development

How growth, land use, housing, and neighborhood development take shape.

Public Safety

How Police, Fire & EMS, 911, and emergency partners serve the community.

Public Works & Infrastructure

How streets, sanitation, stormwater, and public spaces are maintained.



Program topics and locations may vary by academy session.