

Application

Permission for Photography: I hereby give my permission for the City of Colorado Springs and/or Citizens' Academy Sponsors to use any still photograph or video footage in which I may appear for publicity purpose(s). I do this voluntarily and with the understanding there is no remuneration.

Signature _____ Date _____

Release of Liability: In consideration of participant being allowed to participate in the registered program, the undersigned hereby releases the City of Colorado Springs and/or Citizens' Academy Sponsors, its employees and agents, from any action, claim or demand for personal injury or property loss arising from or due to any negligent act or omission of the City of Colorado Springs and/or Citizens' Academy Sponsors, its agents or employees. This release shall have no effect with regard to damages caused by the City of Colorado Springs' and/or Citizens' Academy Sponsors' gross negligence. In the event the City of Colorado Springs and/or Citizens' Academy Sponsors or a volunteer provides transportation, this waiver and release shall extend to and release the volunteer driver or City of Colorado Springs and/or Citizens' Academy Sponsors employee driver from any and all liability aforesaid. Permission is given for any emergency medical treatment, operation or anesthesia that might become necessary. I agree to be responsible for the expense of medical treatment or service.

Signature _____ Date _____

Voluntary Survey: By filling out this section, you will help to ensure our goal to have diverse representation in the program. Please check the relevant data that applies to you:

Male Female Caucasian African American
 Hispanic Asian Native American Other (please specify) _____

Age: 18-20 21-29 30-39
 40-55 56-65 66+

Deadline for applications is Thursday, August 3, 2006

Please mail your completed application to:
 City of Colorado Springs Planning and Community Development Department
 Attention: Monique Caterina
 30 South Nevada Avenue, Suite 301
 Colorado Springs, CO 80903
 719-385-5345
 or
 e-mail to mcaterina@springsgov.com

Applications may also be faxed to (719) 385-5167

Apply online at www.springsgov.com

Thank you for your interest in the Citizens' Academy

- City Council/
City Manager
form of
government
- Budget
- Police
- Fire
- Streets
- City Clerk
Planning
and
Zoning
- Public Works
- Advisory
Boards
and
Commissions
- Springs
Utilities
- Parks,
Recreation
and Cultural
Services
- Volunteering



Citizens' Academy is a great opportunity to learn how Colorado Springs functions as a community and is a terrific starting point for those who want to volunteer their services to our City's various boards and commissions. Who knows? It may even provide you with the desire to serve as an elected official!

-Scott Hente, City Councilman

Citizens' Academy is an outstanding community learning experience. Each class is designed to demonstrate the role and responsibility of departments within the City government and the services they provide to the community. I gained a better understanding and appreciation of how much planning and work goes into maintaining the quality of life we have in Colorado Springs.

-Cleather Marchman, Citizens' Academy graduate



Sponsored by:

Council of Neighbors and Organizations (CONO)
 Coordinated by the City of Colorado Springs-
 Planning and Community Development Department

Dear Colorado Springs Citizen,

Would you like to know how your City government works? Would you like to know more about how the City's budget is developed, the relationship between the City Manager and City Council, or the basic functions of City Planning and Community Development?

For answers to these types of questions and others, apply to the 2006 Citizens' Academy, an educational program that provides the citizens of Colorado Springs with the opportunity to gain additional knowledge about municipal government. Upon completion of the course, you will receive a certificate of completion that will be presented at a graduation ceremony.

We are offering this unique opportunity for citizens in coordination with the City of Colorado Springs Planning and Community Development Department and the Council of Neighbors and Organizations (CONO).

We encourage you to apply for the program today!

What is the Citizens' Academy?

The Citizens' Academy is a series of professionally led sessions designed to familiarize citizens with the City of Colorado Springs municipal government and the services it provides. It is an educational experience that will give participants insight into the City's governmental process.

This is a three-fold program:

- To improve citizens' understanding of municipal government
- To develop citizens' understanding of their role in government
- To develop a pool of knowledgeable individuals for future boards and commissions

What topics will be offered?

Overview of City Council/City Manager Form of Government
Volunteering within the City Government
City Clerk
Fire and Emergency Services
Planning and Zoning
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services
Citizens' Roles on City Advisory Boards and Commissions
City Budget
Police
Public Works
Colorado Springs Utilities

What's the timeframe?

Classes are held once a week on Wednesdays for eight weeks, from September 6 to October 25, 2006. Classes begin at 5:45 p.m., with six of the classes offering optional tours starting at 5:15 p.m. Classes end between 8:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Is there a charge for the program?

Class fee is \$40.00, payable upon acceptance and nonrefundable. A limited number of scholarships are available. Due to limited space, attendance at all sessions is expected. Light buffet dinner will be provided.

How do I apply and how will selections be made?

It's easy! Just fill out the attached application and mail back no later than August 3, 2006, apply online at springsgov.com and click on the Citizens' Academy icon, or fax your application to 385-5167.

A maximum of forty participants will be selected based on strength of application, civic leadership potential, and diversity of applicants.

For more information about the 2006 Citizens' Academy program, please contact:

Monique Caterina at 385-5345

CITIZENS' ACADEMY
an insight into your Colorado Springs City Government

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Please print or type the following information:

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____

The following information assists the Citizens' Academy in providing the best program possible for its participants. Selection of a maximum of 40 class members will be decided by an impartial panel based on strength of the application, civic leadership potential, and diversity of the applicants. Class size is limited due to the desire for the Academy to remain informal and adequately allow for questions and answers during each session. If the class is full, any additional applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

Have you had any prior experience in city government, such as serving on a board or commission?

____ Yes ____ No If yes, explain. _____

Have you applied before to the Citizens' Academy?

____ Yes ____ No If yes, when? _____

Please list any civic, professional, business, religious, social, neighborhood or other organizations in which you are a member. If new to Colorado Springs, you may include activities in your prior location.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Years as Member</u>	<u>Position Held</u>
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Why are you interested in participating in the Citizens' Academy? _____

Feel free to attach other information.

How did you hear about us?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> CONO | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Citizens' Academy graduate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Association/Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television | <input type="checkbox"/> Church | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | |

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