

What is the DeSoto Civic Academy?

The Civic Academy is a series of eleven (11) educational sessions designed to teach DeSoto citizens about their government. Participants will learn about DeSoto's history, tour City facilities, get a behind-the-scenes look at each department and the services offered, and experience first-hand the equipment used to provide these services. The Civic Academy also affords the opportunity to meet department heads one-on-one.

Who is eligible to participate?

Any adult DeSoto resident willing to commit the time necessary to complete this informative, interesting, and intense program.

What is the cost?

Participants pay nothing; dinner and supplies will be provided at no charge.

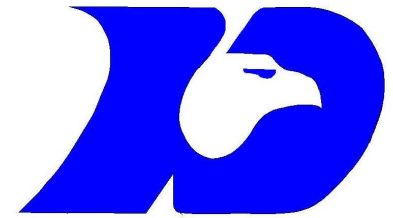
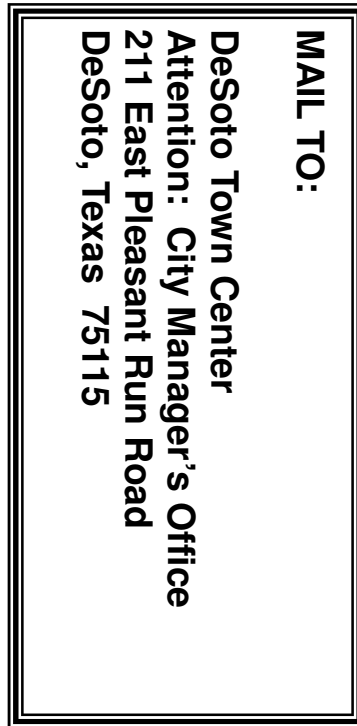
How much time will I need to commit?

The Civic Academy will be held on eleven (11) consecutive Thursday evenings, from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

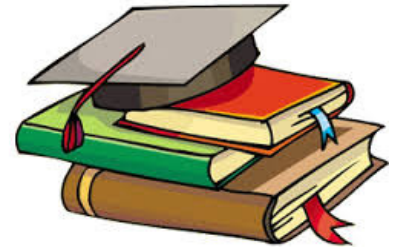
What is the maximum number of participants?

The Civic Academy will be open to the first 25 DeSoto citizens who return their applications to Town Center.

DeSoto Town Center
City Manager's Office
211 East Pleasant Run Road
DeSoto, Texas 75115



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For More Information contact
972-230-9643

What will I learn? ... What will I do?

- **City Council, boards and commissions** and their responsibilities; mock Council meeting
- **City elections**
- **City Manager's Office:** duties of a City Manager and Assistant City Manager, community programs, City Lights newsletter, Action Center, Environmental Health
- **DeSoto Economic Development Corporation**
- **Development Services Division:** floodplain administration, Capital Improvement Plan, building permits, code adoptions, fire inspection program, street maintenance, Service Center, Planning and Zoning Division, Comprehensive Plan update, Facility Maintenance, and a close-up view of equipment used in this department
- **Fire Rescue:** locations, Fire and EMS personnel, an up-close look at Fire equipment
- **Finance Department:** tax rates, how City debt impacts the tax rate
- **Human Resources Department:** salary surveys, efforts to attract quality employees, and policy development
- **Information Technology Division** and the City web site
- **Library:** new research capabilities, projects and programs

Municipal Court

Parks Department: efforts furthering City beautification, activities offered through the Recreation Department, Civic Center rentals, sports leagues, special programs, DeSoto Senior Center, and an up-close view of equipment

Police Department: duties and responsibilities, Regional Jail, Code Enforcement, Animal Control and School Resource Officers

Public Utilities, Water and Wastewater, Utility Billing

Purchasing Division: bid requirements and efforts to encourage minority businesses to participate in bids

Regional Dispatch: cities involved, and the equipment they use

SOUNDS GREAT! HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Simply complete the application and return via mail, fax, email or bring to:

**DeSoto Town Center
City Manager's Office
211 E. Pleasant Run Road
DeSoto, Texas 75115
fax - (972) 230-5793
email - nbond@desototexas.gov**

Civic Academy Application

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Alternate Phone _____

e-mail address _____

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

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain:

Will you commit to being available Thursday evenings for eleven (11) consecutive weeks beginning in August?

_____ Yes _____ No

Adult T-shirt size: (circle one)

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