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2025 CITIZEN ACADEMY

The Harrisonburg Citizen Academy is a 14-week program comprised of one 2-hour session per week designed to teach community members about the City and the services it provides. Participants will hear from different departments on their daily operations in a hands-on learning environment. This program will be held on Thursday evenings (*with some exceptions - see the 2025 Schedule for more*) from 6 to 8 p.m. and runs each fall. Some classes may extend past two hours depending on content, and there is one optional Saturday class.

Name _____ Date _____

Home Address Street _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address (if different) Street _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Occupation _____

E-mail address _____

First preference is given to participants who are city residents.

☐ Check this box to certify that you reside in the City of Harrisonburg

Briefly state the reason you wish to participate in the Academy:

Have you had any prior experience in City Government in Harrisonburg or elsewhere? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes", please explain.

Are you available Thursday evenings from the end of August - November between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM? ☐ Yes ☐ No

All applications for the 2025 session must be received in the City Manager's Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 15. Applications should be emailed to Michael.Parks@harrisonburgva.gov or mailed to Michael Parks, Harrisonburg City Hall, 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will be notified of their acceptance by phone or email following the end of the submission period. A complete schedule will be provided prior to the start of the Academy. To receive a certificate of completion, participants must attend at least nine of the Academy sessions unless otherwise approved by the program administrator.

For more information, please contact Michael Parks at 540-432-7701 or email Michael.Parks@harrisonburgva.gov