



## **Application**

# **League of Women Voters of Knoxville and Knox County Citizens Academy**

The League of Women Voters of Knoxville and Knox County is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. When even active community members seem to lack a knowledge of how local government works, it's no wonder that public participation is low. We believe that the first step towards an engaged community is education, and so we have created a program, the League of Women Voters of Knoxville and Knox County Citizens Academy.

The program is designed to bring Knox County citizens who want to improve and make change in their community together with experienced leaders from within and outside of government. The goal of the Citizens Academy is to set in motion a vanguard of empowered citizens who will help our county confront its challenges and reach its potential.

While hoping to achieve the same ends, this year's Citizens Academy has a new and specific focus. During this year's Citizens Academy, participants will learn the basics of running for office. The information presented will primarily apply to local and state positions.

We're looking for about 30 participants for our program. Sessions will take place on three Saturdays, February 15 from 9:00 - 4:00, February 22 from 9:30 am -4:00 pm and March 8 from 2 pm – 5 pm with a reception to follow. Participation is free! Participants should plan to attend all three sessions. We're looking for applicants that are engaged in their communities and interested in running for office in the future. Priority will be given to applicants who are interested in seeking office themselves, but if there is space, participants who are interested in helping others run for office will be considered as well. Applications from members of organizations that are discriminatory in nature will not be considered.

Please return completed applications by email to [League@lwvknoxville.org](mailto:League@lwvknoxville.org) or by mail to League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County, P.O. Box 31825, Knoxville, TN 37930. You can learn more about the League and the Citizen's Academy at [lwvknoxville.org](http://lwvknoxville.org).

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

How are you currently involved in your community?

Why do you want to participate in the LWVKKC's Citizens Academy?

Are you interested in running for office in the future?

If so, what offices are you interested in running for?

What qualities would make you a great public official?

What local issues are you interested in?