



City of Lauderdale Lakes Local Government Academy

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQ 1: WHAT IS THIS?

The Local Government Academy is a **free** six weeks program developed and organized by the City of Lauderdale Lakes to educate its residents about city government.

FAQ 2: WHY WAS THE PROGRAM CREATED?

The program was created to provide residents and business owners' awareness, interest and encourage participation in local government. Also, to provide an inside look at operations of the City of Lauderdale Lakes and to demonstrate what is provided by the local property taxes and utility rates.

FAQ 3: WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

The program is held once a year, and is open to residents who live within the city limits as well as business owners within the city of Lauderdale Lakes. Two open seats are available for senior high school students. Seating is limited to 20 attendees.

FAQ 4: WHEN IS THE PROGRAM?

The program consist of six (6) consecutive sessions on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning February 12, 2020, and ending March 24; Dinner will be served at each session. Registration begins on December 19, 2019. Application deadline is 19, 2020. Visit City of Lauderdale Lakes web page at <http://www.lauderdalelakes.org/> Select Quick Links then click on Local Government Academy to register on line or stop by City Hall for a form.

FAQ 5: WHAT DO I DO AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH CLASS?

When you arrive to each session, be sure to sign in. You will be asked to complete an evaluation form for each session and turn in before you leave.

FAQ 6: WHAT DO I WEAR TO CLASS?

The classes are informal. The city will provide each participant with a polo-style shirt the week prior to graduation so it can be worn on graduation day during Commission meeting night.

FAQ 7: WHERE ARE THE CLASSES HELD?

The classes will be held at a couple of the city facilities. Information on the classes will be in each participant's acceptance letter and a detailed agenda of each class will be provided.

FAQ 8: MAY I BRING A GUEST OR RELATIVE TO THESE CLASSES?

Due to space limitations participants may not bring any guests to the classes; however, they are encouraged to bring guests to their graduation ceremony.

FAQ 9: WHAT DO I DO IF I NEED TO MISS A CLASS?

Participants are allowed to miss **one** of the six (6) sessions; however, they are strongly encouraged not to miss the graduation ceremony where they will be presented with a certificate of completion by the Mayor and City Commission.

FAQ 10: WHAT DO I DO AFTER I COMPLETE THIS CLASS?

The City of Lauderdale Lakes encourages graduates to apply for open positions on the advisory boards, planning committees or civic organizations'.

FAQ 11: WHAT IF I STILL HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

For more information and to gain more learning experience, you are encouraged to attend the Commission Workshops, held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month or Commission meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

For additional information on how to register to attend, please call 954-535-2740