



2010 Neighborhood College

What is Neighborhood College?

The program is a series of professionally led sessions designed to teach citizens about the City of Hickory and the services it provides. Neighborhood College is an educational experience that will give participants insight into Hickory's history and its governmental process. Participants are encouraged to share the knowledge they receive from the program with their neighbors.

Why Participate?

- You will learn about your city's government, how it works and how it impacts your community.
- You will be able to take that knowledge back to your neighbors and have the ability to be an effective leader in your neighborhood.
- You will be able to take this knowledge back to your business and when there are questions that you need answered from the city, you will know the right person to call.

Are You Eligible?

To be selected, you must live in the City of Hickory city limits and be willing to commit the time to this informative, interesting, and intense program. However, the class is limited to 20 people. The City of Hickory will strive for diverse participation in this program.

What is the Cost?

There is no cost to citizens who attend the sessions.

What is Expected of Participants?

Participants must be willing to commit the time to attend the once a week sessions. Each participant must earn a specified number of credits in order to be certified as having completed the program.

Program Calendar

All classes meet between 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at City facilities. Classes will be held Sept. 14 – Nov. 16 and graduation will be held in conjunction with the November 17 Hickory City Council meeting.

Application Process

If you are interested in attending, please submit applications to the City of Hickory Communications Department by **August 30, 2010**. Applications can mailed to the attention of the City of Hickory Communications Department, P.O. Box 398, Hickory, NC 28603, faxed to 323-7550 or emailed to mpitts@ci.hickory.nc.us. The City of Hickory will select 20-25 participants who represent the diversity of the City. Successful applicants will be mailed a detailed calendar for the program after they have been chosen. Any questions, call Communications Director Mandy Pitts at 261-2222.

City of Hickory

Application for Neighborhood College Program

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Occupation _____

Briefly state why you are interested and wish to participate in the Neighborhood College program.

Have you had any prior experience in city government, such as serving on a board or commission? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, explain.

Please list your membership(s) in any non-governmental organizations:

Please accept my application to become a candidate of the Neighborhood College program.

Signature

Date

Notice: The City of Hickory does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion, national origin, or handicapping conditions. Should special accommodations be necessary in order for an individual with a disability to participate in this program, please call Mandy Pitts at 261-2222.

Voluntary Survey:

Please check the relevant data that applies to you:

- Your filling out this section will help to ensure our goal to have diverse representation in the program.

Sex:

___ Male

___ Female

Ethnicity:

___ White

___ African American

___ Native American

___ Asian

___ Hispanic

___ Other

Age: (Circle One)

15-20

21-29

30-39

40-55

56-65

66+

How long have you live in Hickory? _____