

LOUISVILLE WELCOME ACADEMY 2022



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ABOUT

The Louisville Welcome Academy (LWA) is a free leadership-training program for the international community sponsored by the Louisville Metro Government Office for Globalization.

The mission of the Academy is to build the knowledge and networks of immigrant leaders to increase their capacity to empower their communities. Please complete this form to apply for the 2022 session of the Louisville Welcome Academy. Information collected will not be shared outside of the Office for Globalization.

OBJECTIVES

- **Gain an in-depth understanding of our local city government services.** Government services vary greatly from country to country.
- **Increase accessibility to existing city and community resources.** Language and cultural barriers, lack of awareness, and lack of access are some of the obstacles that new Americans encounter with city and community resources.
- **Build leadership capacity.** Leadership is viewed and interpreted in many different ways across the world. Louisville Welcome Academy facilitates cross cultural training to help communities navigate through the local systems, reducing negative interactions due to cultural differences.
- **Become part of the larger community network.** Participants will connect to existing networks in the community, broadening their opportunities to actively participate in leadership roles.

CURRICULUM

SESSION I: CITY GOVERNMENT SERVICES

February 2022

Discussion about our city's form of government, the election process and the responsibilities of elected officials. An overview of various city departments and services, including information about our public transportation system.

SESSION II: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

March 2022

Discussion around how to form and lead teams. Exploring the difference between a community leader and a community influencer.

SESSION III: CITIZENSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

April 2022

Learn about the naturalization process and its importance, how to apply for U.S. citizenship, what it means to be a U.S. citizen. Discussion on what civic engagement means and ways to become civically engaged.

SESSION IV: PUBLIC SAFETY & THE COURTS

May 2022

Presentation of police and fire departments. We will also have an explanation of the criminal and civil courts. Discussion on the Department of Motor Vehicle and driver's licenses.

SESSION V: VOLUNTEERISM & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

June 2022

An overview on volunteer opportunities and community resources available throughout the city. Presentation of final projects.*

SESSION VI: CLOSING CEREMONY

DATE - TBD

Recognition ceremony for to those who complete the program. Lessons learned and feedback session.

*Please note there will be some light homework which could include preparation for in-class presentations.



APPLICATION

Applications will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis pending all application requirements are met. The Office for Globalization will consider equal representation of our diverse ethnic communities when selecting applicants. While there is no cost to participants to attend, all applicants must commit to attending at least 80% of the meetings.

WHO CAN APPLY

Leaders or professionals that currently work with or serve the international community who are:

- Willing and able to commit to the six sessions of this program
- Looking to build or start an initiative that can benefit their communities
- Willing to become ambassadors and act as connectors between the city and their respective communities

Applications will be accepted until Friday, January 14, 2022.

Once selected, each participant will receive a letter of acceptance that can be used to demonstrate active participation in the program to their employer. The city will communicate the acceptance of each participant to their respective employers to ensure that each understands the value of participating in the Louisville Welcome Academy.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

SCHEDULE

This year, LWA will consist of six In-person sessions. However, in order to follow the current public health guidelines to protect the safety and health of the participants, masks will be required.

The sessions will run from February to July 2022. Participants will meet for one full day once a month over a 5 month period, with a final completion ceremony.

Selected participants are expected to attend all sessions. They should come ready to share their community engagement initiatives with their peers. However, we understand that things come up and will permit a maximum of 2 missed meetings.

- SESSION I
 - February 14 - 9 AM - 5 PM
- SESSION II
 - March 14 - 9 AM - 5 PM
- SESSION III
 - APRIL 18 - 9 AM - 5 PM
- SESSION IV
 - MAY 16 - 9 AM - 5 PM
- SESSION V
 - JUNE 13 - 9 AM - 5 PM
- CLOSING CEREMONY
 - Date - TBD

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN TODAY!

Apply Now



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