



Complete Communities University Application



Purpose:

The purpose of Complete Communities University is to build the civic engagement skills of emerging community leaders. The University will coach and motivate developing leaders on methods they can use to improve their civic engagement techniques and provide education to community leaders on how to effectively navigate City of Houston services. Complete Communities University will cultivate a positive relationship between community leaders and city entities, ensuring the vitality of the City and its residents.

Selection Process and Criteria:

Complete Communities University participants are selected through a competitive process conducted by Houston Department of Neighborhoods (DON) staff.

There will be more applicants than positions available. At least 30 individuals will be chosen each quarter based on criteria that include the following:

- Commitment to civic involvement in the City of Houston
- The potential for leadership in community and neighborhood organizations
- An individual's experience and skills
- Geographic distribution from all City districts and cultural diversity are also important considerations in the selection of participants

Contact Information:

1. Name:
2. City/State/Zip Code Address:
3. Phone:
4. Email:

Questions:

1. Which Super Neighborhood do you reside in?
2. Please describe your past and present involvement in your community.
3. Tell us about yourself and what influences your desire to be a leader.
4. What questions do you have about City of Houston government?



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5. What three skills would you most like to acquire and improve in this academy?
 - a. Alternatively, how would a course in civic engagement assist you in achieving your personal and career goals? What are your short-term goals? What are your long-term goals?
6. How much impact do you think people like you can have in making your community a better place to live?
7. Have you ever experienced a shift in your opinion about a once firmly held belief? Why?
8. Do you feel a sense of “belonging” to your community?
9. Tell us about a time you had to navigate your way through an uncomfortable situation?
10. What ought to be the responsibilities of the government? Where do you interact with government in your day-to-day life?
11. Does local government have the capacity to improve your quality of life?
12. How could the city of Houston engage and facilitate greater civic participation?
13. What issue would you say is the highest priority for you and your community? Have you ever made or participated in an attempt to generate public awareness about this issue?
14. What qualities or character traits do effective leaders possess?

How did you hear about Complete Communities University?

- Department of Neighborhood Website
- Department of Neighborhoods Newsletter/Emails
- Word of Mouth
- Social Media
- Newspapers
- Radio
- My employer

Send your completed application to cohvolunteer@houstontx.gov.