



## 2025 CITY ACADEMY APPLICATION

Do you ever wonder why a specific street was chosen to be reconstructed? Or how our drinking water is kept safe? Or who to call when a tree branch needs maintenance? Learn all of that and more at City Academy! City Academy is a unique opportunity for residents to learn about the City of Traverse City in order to inspire citizens to be informed about the issues surrounding city government and how it functions so that they can contribute in the most meaningful way.

We are thrilled to host the City Academy in 2025 as an avenue to build social capital in the City of Traverse City. Staff within the City has carefully designed each session to give you—and us—the most out of the experience. Colleen Paveglio, Communications Manager, will serve as Program Director with the help of City staff.

We make these promises to our 2025 class and we ask a couple promises from you too!

- We promise to host a fun, educational, and inspiring program that increases citizen knowledge, interest, and ability to influence**
- We promise to reduce barriers and learn from citizens**
- Participants promise to participate in a meaningful way**
- Participants promise to co-create and be part of a space for collective engagement and dialogue**

Applications are now available for the 2025 City Academy. First priority will be given to City residents. Non-residents with City interests (business owners, employees, property owners), and non-residents will be considered should there be availability. Applicants will be accepted through Friday, February 28, 2025, and notified of acceptance no later than Friday, March 14, 2025.

So let's do this, and make the City the best it can be, together!

My Best,

Benjamin Marentette  
City Clerk  
City of Traverse City  
(231) 922-4480

Colleen Paveglio  
Communications Manager & Program Director  
City of Traverse City  
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## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City, State Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Residence in: Grand Traverse Region \_\_\_\_\_ City Limits \_\_\_\_\_

Gender\* \_\_\_\_\_ Race\* \_\_\_\_\_ Year & City of Birth\* \_\_\_\_\_

(\*The City of Traverse City is committed to inclusiveness and diversity. This is optional information, and is helpful in assuring a diverse class.)

## **EDUCATION**

High School \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a business in the City? \_\_\_\_\_

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

What are your expectations of the City Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you love about the City? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently a member of a City of Traverse City Board or Commission? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there any civic, professional, or business related organizations that you are involved in and would like to share?

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Are you willing to serve on a City Board or Commission? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unsure \_\_\_\_\_

### **COMMITMENT**

City Academy sessions will primarily be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the final session and graduation held on a Monday. Sessions will take place from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. To graduate from City Academy, you must attend Session 1, Session 8, and not miss more than one regular session.

Will you be able to attend all classes? If not, please describe.

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#### **Week 1**

**Session 1: The City We Live In**  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025

**Session 2: Our Public Face & Our Public Safety**  
Thursday, April 17, 2025

#### **Week 2**

**Session 3: Water & Waste**  
Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**Session 4: Paving Our Way To Sustainability**  
Thursday, April 24, 2025

#### **Week 3**

**Session 5: Shaping the Future**  
Thursday, May 1, 2025

#### **Week 4**

**Session 6: The Great Outdoors**  
Tuesday, May 6, 2025

**Session 7: Show Me The Money**  
Thursday, May 8, 2025

#### **Week 5**

**Session 8: Building Social Capital Together & Graduation**  
Monday, May 12, 2024

### **ACCOMODATIONS**

City Academy will begin at various locations throughout the City. Would this create a transportation issue for you? If yes, please describe.

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Sessions will require walking in an urban and natural settings, climbing stairs, riding on a bus, etc. Do you have a disability, are in need of special assistance, or have concerns that would prohibit you from fully participating? If so, please describe.

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During each session, a meal will be provided. Please let us know if you have any specific dietary preferences, restrictions, or special food requirements that we should accommodate.

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Are there any other barriers that may prevent you from fully participating in City Academy? i.e. child care

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**APPLICANT PERSONAL COMMITMENT**

If selected, I will devote the time necessary to meet City Academy graduation requirements, and participate in an inclusive and meaningful way. I will continue to stay involved in City Government to the best of my ability, and act as an ambassador of the City of Traverse City by sharing my knowledge with other citizens, friends, visitors, neighbors, and more!

\_\_\_\_ Initial if you agree

Photo Release: I agree to allow my photos be used for City materials and program promotion.

\_\_\_\_ Initial if you agree

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Return completed application to the City Clerk's Office in person, via mail, or by email:

**MAIL**

City of Traverse City  
City Clerk's Office  
400 Boardman Avenue  
Traverse City, MI 49684

**EMAIL**

tcclerk@traversecitymi.gov

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