

CITY OF BOSTON AGE STRONG'S SENIOR CIVIC ACADEMY

Join us to learn more about advocacy, aging policy, and how to engage with different levels of government

Are you a Boston resident, 55+ and interested in advocating for aging-related issues? Would you like to learn how to effect change in your community in a free, 6-day course? We are re-launching our Senior Civic Academy program, and we want you to be a part of it!

Each session will introduce you to aging policy and advocacy techniques that will give you the skills to make positive change. Apply to join our 2025 group of adults age 55+ and become a leader in your community.

The sessions will be held in-person at Boston City Hall or a nearby location on the following dates from 10 AM to 4 PM and will cover the following topics:

Tuesday, September 30, 2025: Introduction to Civic Engagement / Advocacy

Tuesday, October 7, 2025: Skill Building and Introduction to City Government

Thursday, October 16, 2025: Engaging with City Government

Thursday, October 23, 2025: Engaging with State Government

Thursday, October 30, 2025: Engaging with Federal Government

Thursday, November 6, 2025: Graduation

The program will be delivered entirely in English.

Please fill out the application and submit via [this Google Form](#) or by mail to apply. Applications are due on Friday, August 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM. Applications submitted after the deadline or incomplete will not be considered for selection. Applications will be reviewed and participants will be notified by Friday, September 19, 2025.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Additional Questions? Contact the City of Boston's Age Strong at 617-635-4366 or Hayfaa.ali@Boston.gov

What is Boston's Senior Civic Academy?

This 6-day program is for older adults aged 55 and older to learn about city, state and federal government, empowering them to become effective advocates for causes close to their hearts. This transformative program brings together a cohort of 25 older adults to learn about the importance of advocacy, how city, state, and federal government work, and how to advocate for themselves. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with advocacy organizations where they can put their new skills and knowledge into practice! Senior Civic Academy graduates will also have ongoing education and skill building opportunities through Age Strong's new continual civic engagement events.

Who qualifies for this program?

Boston residents over the age of 55, who are interested in aging issues, able to attend all 6 sessions, and complete the program application are eligible. Space is limited, so we will be evaluating applications and looking for a diverse group.

What can I look forward to gaining from this program?

You will hear from experts in the aging field, meet elected officials, get tours of state and city buildings, and make new friends from across the city!

Do I have to attend all days of the course to participate?

Yes, we ask that all attendees participate in the full program because there are exciting new topics presented each day.

What is the time commitment for this program?

We expect participants to attend all 6 days. Our sessions will be held from 10 AM - 4 PM on the following days:

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Please note all sessions will be held on Thursdays except for the week of October 5th when the session will be held on a Tuesday.

Where is this program located?

Each day, the program will take place at a different office downtown near City Hall. We recommend taking public transit.

Will transportation be provided?

Shuttle service will be provided from select locations. Please indicate your need for transportation in the application form and we can coordinate accordingly.

Will lunch be provided?

Yes, participants will enjoy lunch for each of the sessions.

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PROGRAM APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, August 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Please complete for the Senior Civic Academy

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

City of Boston Neighborhood You Reside in: _____

Will you need transportation? _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions?

☐ Vegetarian

☐ Vegan

☐ Gluten Free

Employed/Retired?: _____

How did you hear about the Senior Civic Academy?

Why are you interested in being part of this program? What do you hope to achieve/learn?

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How are you currently engaged in your community?

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What aging-related issues impact you, your family and your community?

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