

MACON – BIBB COUNTY GEORGIA CIVIC AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS



APPLICATION

SUMMARY

The Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPS) was developed by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) to address the need for increased civic involvement and awareness among the state's youth and engage them to become the next generation of civic leaders. The program is dedicated to educating young citizens about the importance of being actively conscious of their local government environment and the opportunities available in the public sector. GCAPS provides civic education by exposing youth to the role that local government plays and by introducing them to the leaders who make local governments work.

GCAPS is designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn first-hand the roles and services that Macon-Bibb County government provides. Throughout the course of the program year, GCAPS participants will take part in team building exercises, attend a board of commissioners meeting, tour county facilities, visit the State Capitol and interact with local and state elected officials. Students will be asked to choose a class project to benefit Macon-Bibb County.

GCAPS is fully supported by the Macon-Bibb County Board of Commissioners.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- **Student Participants (Who is Eligible?):**
 - Must be a 10th, 11th or 12th grade student as of August 2019
 - All students who either live in Macon-Bibb County or attend school in Macon-Bibb County will be eligible to participate

- **Time Commitment:**
 - Program consists of 10 sessions from September 2019 through April 2020
 - Monthly meetings, which will be held after school
 - Please review the meeting schedule to ensure you will be able to make all meetings.
 - Must provide your own transportation to the sessions

Application Deadline: Friday, September 7, 2019 by NOON!



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Macon-Bibb County 2019-2020 GCAPS Schedule

Time 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Topics are subject to change

Meetings held at the Government Center unless otherwise noted

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| 9/7/2019 | GCAPS Application Deadline |
| 9/25/2019 | Orientation, Program Overview, Intro to Government, Recreation – Hosted at South Bibb (Time: 3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., Dinner after presentation) |
| 10/23/2019 | Urban and Industrial Development, Macon-Bibb County Airport |
| 11/20/2019 | Fire/EMA |
| 12/18/2019 | Sheriff – Jail and Forensics |
| 1/22/2020 | Courts/Tourism – (choose one) |
| 2/17/2020 | Job Shadowing Day |
| 3/25/2020 | Tobesofkee / Cooperative Extension – Meet Mayor and Commissioners |
| 4/22/2020 | Water Authority |
| 5/13/2020 | GCAPS Graduation & Reception |

*** Visit to State Capitol – TBD ***

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Program Coordinator
Macon-Bibb County Clerk of Commission
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| Personal Information | | | | | |
|--|------|---|--|------|--|
| First Name | | Last Name | | | |
| Preferred Name | | | | | |
| Address | | City | | Zip | |
| Date of Birth | | Ethnicity | | | |
| Phone Numbers | Home | | | Cell | |
| E-mail | | | | | |
| Academic Information | | | | | |
| High School | | | | | |
| Grade as of August 2019 | | Grade Point Average from last school year | | | |
| Student/ Extracurricular Activities/ Leadership Experience. Explain how much time commitment is given to these activities | | | | | |
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| Please list your Community Service Activities: | | | | | |
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| Academic Honors (list or write none) | | | | | |
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| Work Experience (list or write none) | | | | | |
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| Have you previously applied? | | Have you previously participated? | | | |

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Applicant Questionnaire (answer briefly):

What personal characteristics/qualities do you possess that enable you to be and/or create a good leader and peer role model?

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Why is civic education important for today's youth? ("Civics" is defined as the study or science of the privileges and obligations of citizens)

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What do you hope to learn or achieve from the GCAPS Program?

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I _____, consent to allow the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) and Macon-Bibb County to use my likeness and any written statements that I have made regarding the Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPS) for the purpose of advertising and promoting Macon-Bibb County GCAPS.

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| Students Signature | Date |
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| Guidance Counselor's Signature | Date |

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I/we, the parents of _____ consent to allow my child to participate in the Macon-Bibb County GCAPS Program. I/we will provide the necessary transportation to allow my child to attend each session.

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| Parent's Signature | Date |

Please email application to jross@maconbibb.us or send/bring to:

Janice Ross,
 Program Manager
 Government Center
 700 Poplar Street
 Macon, GA 31201

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| Students accept to the program | Yes | | No | |
| Date Student notified of results | | | | |
| Student agreed to participate | | | | |