

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 2025
 - 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 2025 through April 2026
 - Monthly meetings, which will be held after school with two excused absences from 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 19, 2025 by 5:00pm!

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Macon-Bibb County 2025-2026 GCAPS Proposed Schedule

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

Topics are subject to change

Meetings held at the Government Center unless otherwise noted

09/19/2025 GCAPS Application Deadline

10/02/2025 Orientation, Program Overview, Intro to Government, Planning and Public Spaces, Beautification, Finance, Engineering, Attorney Office, Facilities, OSBA, (Time: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. with dinner after presentations)

10/23/2025	EMA & Code Enforcement Department
11/13/2025	Facilities and Vehicle Maintenance
12/04/2025	Central Records and Sheriff Office
12/13/2025	Mayor's Sneaker Ball Scholarship
01/22/2025	Robins AFB Logistics Center (All Day)
2/24/2026	Georgia General Assembly (TBA)
3/26/2026	Macon Bibb Fire Department
4/23/2026	Macon Bibb Water Authority
5/07/2026	GCAPS Graduation & Reception

*** Visit to State Capitol – TBA as date may alter ***

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Personal Information					
First Name		Last Name			
Preferred Name					
Address		City		Zip	
Address 2					
Date of Birth		Ethnicity			
Phone Numbers	Home			Cell	
E-mail					
Academic Information					
High School					
Grade as of August 2025		Grade Point Average from last school year			
Student/ Extracurricular Activities/ Leadership Experience. Explain how much time commitment is given to these activities					
Please list your Community Service Activities:					
Academic Honors (list or write none)					
Work Experience (list or write none)					
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?

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

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

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. ***(Typing your name constitutes your signature)***

Students Signature	Date
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.

Parent's Signature	Date

GCAPS students get an exclusive opportunity to apply for the Lester M. Miller Academic Scholarship. The recipients will be announced at the annual Mayor's Sneaker Ball in December.

Please email application to hficklin@maconbibb.us or fax to 478-751-7931/bring to:

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