

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 2026
 - 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 2026 through April 2027.
 - Monthly meetings, which will be held after school with two excused absences from school for full-day events.
 - Please review the meeting schedule to ensure you will be able to make all meetings.
 - Must provide your own transportation to the Macon City Hall for sessions.

Application Deadline: Friday, September 11, 2026 by 5:00pm!

MACON – BIBB COUNTY
GEORGIA CIVIC AWARENESS PROGRAM
FOR STUDENTS
APPLICATION



Macon-Bibb County 2026-2027 GCAPS Proposed Schedule Time

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Topics are subject to change

Meetings held at the Government Center unless otherwise noted

9/11/2026 GCAPS Application Deadline

9/24/2026 Orientation, Program Overview, Intro to Government, Beautification, Finance, Engineering, Attorney Office, Facilities, OSBA, (Time: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. with dinner after presentations)

10/22/2026 Macon Bibb Board of Elections**

11/12/2026 Facilities and Vehicle Maintenance**

12/10/2026 Planning and Public Spaces**

12/12/2026 Mayor's Sneaker Ball Scholarship**

01/28/2027 Central Records and Sheriff Office**

02/22-23/2027 Georgia General Assembly (TBA)*

03/24/2027 Robins AFB Logistics Center (All Day)**

04/23/2027 Lake Tobesofkee Cookout**

05/07/2027 GCAPS Graduation & Reception**

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

Dr. Henry C. Ficklin
GCAPS Coordinator
Macon Bibb County Executive Director of Community Affairs
Government Center
700 Poplar Street
Macon, Georgia 31201
hficklin@maconbibb.us

MACON – BIBB COUNTY GEORGIA CIVIC AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS APPLICATION



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 2026		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?			

MACON – BIBB COUNTY GEORGIA CIVIC AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS APPLICATION



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

MACON – BIBB COUNTY GEORGIA CIVIC AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS APPLICATION



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:

Dr. Henry C. Ficklin,
Macon Bibb County Executive Director of Community Affairs
GCAPS Coordinator
Government Center
700 Poplar Street
Macon, GA 31201

This application can also be completed online. Go
to <https://www.maconbibb.us/mbcgcaps/>

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

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