



**City of Easthampton
Municipal Leadership Academy – Winter 2026
Application for Participation**

The City of Easthampton's Municipal Leadership Academy is a series of interactive sessions designed to provide insight into Easthampton's government and promote future leaders through developing well-informed and civically-engaged residents. To be considered for participation in the Winter 2026 session, please fill out the information requested below and return the form no later than 12:00 pm on Thursday, December 18, 2025. For more information about the Academy, contact Councilors Koni Denham at kdenham@easthamptonma.gov, Felicia Jadcak at fjadcak@easthamptonma.gov, Tamara Smith at tsmith@easthamptonma.gov, or the Mayor's Office at 413-529-1400 ex. 470.

Class size is limited to 25 participants. The program may be cancelled if registration is low.

Requirements for Participation:

- Must be 18 years of age by January 1, 2026.
- Must be a registered voter.
- Must be a current resident of Easthampton. [Consideration will be given to applicants who work in Easthampton but do not live in Easthampton.]
- Must be able to pass a background check and be willing to sign a liability waiver.

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Length of Residency in Easthampton: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Community/Civic Group Affiliations (if any): _____

Please share why you are interested in attending the Municipal Leadership Academy:

How did you hear about the Municipal Leadership Academy?

Can you commit to attending most or all of the program sessions*? _____

Are there any dates that you will not be able to attend? If so, please list those dates: _____

**Attendance at the majority of sessions is highly encouraged. We understand that family or emergency circumstances may arise, necessitating an absence. However, missing an excessive number of classes may result in dismissal from the program.*

Class Dates: (All classes on Mondays) -

January 5 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Program Kickoff, City Government and Finance Overview

January 12 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – School Department

January 26 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Fire Department

February 2 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Council on Aging, Veterans, and Health Department

February 9 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Police Department

February 23 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – DPW & BPW

March 2 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Parks & Recreation

March 9 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Planning Department

March 16 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – City Clerk & Elections, Library, and Program Closing

Note: *The above sessions are currently tentative as we are working to accommodate the schedules of department heads. Sessions will take place at various city buildings; sessions may not be in the same location every week. Once selected for the program, you will want to check the schedule for the locations of each session in advance. Sessions may be rescheduled at the request of departments or due to emergencies, with advance notice provided to participants. There will be site tours during some of the sessions, including some tours outside. Please note that while all session locations will be accessible, not all building tours are completely accessible, as tours may include areas not open to the public. City Administration will notify participants of access details and any other logistical requirements before the site tour.*

Return this form by Thursday, December 18, 2025, to the Mayor's Office, 50 Payson Ave. Easthampton, MA. All selected participants will be notified by Friday, December 26, 2026