

Announcing the

Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy



A Neighborhood
Council program in
partnership with



Every neighborhood has people who...

- ...want to get to know more of their neighbors.
- ...want to feel like they belong.
- ...dream of making their neighborhood more beautiful.
- ...have ideas to make their neighborhood safer.
- ...want to make their neighborhood a home.

***Is one of these people YOU?
What if YOU could be a leader for the people in
your neighborhood?***



About the

Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy:

A five-month leadership program designed to equip new and emerging neighborhood council leaders with knowledge, skills, and resources to increase engagement and effectively address their priorities. No cost to participate!

In this program, participants will:

- Develop essential skills for leading volunteer teams, including communicating effectively, facilitating meetings, delegating, resolving conflict, and more.
- Learn how to create inclusive, welcoming spaces and collaborate with people of diverse identities, personalities, and abilities.
- Become familiar with Spokane's municipal structures, processes, and resources to better serve their neighborhoods.

Who is invited to apply?

- Current neighborhood council officers who have served for two (2) years or less.
- Residents who are interested in serving as a neighborhood council leader.

**No cost to participate! People from underrepresented communities and identities are especially encouraged to apply.*



Program Details:

- Duration: Late January to early June, 2022
- Classes:
 - One Saturday per month from 9am to 1pm at NE Community Center.
 - One 1.5-hour small group session each month via Zoom led by an experienced neighborhood mentor.
- Homework: Participants will be expected to complete 1-2 hours of light work each month in advance of class.
- Support:
 - Childcare and lunch provided free of charge during Saturday classes.
 - Participants receive a \$50 gift card after attending each Saturday session (\$300 total).
- To participate, individuals must:
 - Must be 18 years or older as of January 1, 2022.
 - Commit to attending all program sessions.
 - Commit to meeting periodically via Zoom with program cohort for the remainder of the 2022 year and maintaining involvement in neighborhood council for at least one (1) year after 2022.
 - Include on the application the contact information of two people in their neighborhood who could provide character references, if requested. (Name, email address and phone number)
 - Be able to provide proof of COVID vaccination or a medical/religious exemption form signed by a medical provider.

Want to participate? Apply for a spot here:

[My.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/leadership](https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/leadership)

Deadline: December 6, 2021

Need help with translating the application to another language? Email neigh.svcs@spokanecity.org with language needed, and we will provide translation!