

Election Institute

This program is designed to give citizens an inside look at how we prepare for elections. You will gain knowledge on Voter Registration, Ballot & Machine preparations, Candidate Information and the importance of Poll Workers, the Media and Community Outreach. You will learn how all of these functions are interrelated and how much detail is required when preparing and conducting elections.

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."
—Benjamin Franklin

When:

Saturday-September 28, 2024

Time:

8:30am -11:30am Courses 1 & 2

11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30pm-3:00pm Courses 3 & 4

Lunch will be from 11:30 –12:20 pm & breaks will also be provided. You will need to bring your lunch and snacks for the day.

Cost:

There is **NO COST** to attend Election Institute. It is a complimentary program.

Location:

All classes will take place at the Wilson County Election Commission:

Wilson County Election Commission 230 E. Gay Street Lebanon, TN 37087

For more information about the Election Institute, please call 615-444-0216 or email info@wilsontnvotes.gov

Classes





Course One: Overview & Voter Registration

In addition to an overview of the history of voting & elections, individuals will learn that good elections start with good voter rolls. Processes of exactly how voter rolls are maintained will be discussed along with who is eligible to register to vote.



Course Two: Candidate Information

This course will cover how a candidate's name gets on the ballot along with many areas of campaign finance, including filing requirements, deadline and legal regulations. Qualifications for different contests will also be discussed during this class.



Course Three: Ballot & Machine Preparation

This course will walk individuals through the process of how paper ballots are created, tested and printed for the election. Also, students will learn how the ballot marking devices & scanners are prepared, tested and sealed in preparation for Election Day.



Course Four: Poll Workers, Media & Community Outreach

Individuals will learn the importance of those that work the elections and the training that goes into being a poll worker. Media coverage will also be discussed along with the tools available for staying in touch and obtaining information, including the WilsonVotes website and various social networking websites. Students will also learn how our office works to instill the importance of voting and how groups are learning at an early age how to vote and participate.

Application



Wilson County Election Institute Application

Please complete all questions in this application and return to the Wilson County Election Commission, 230 E. Gay Street, Lebanon, TN 37087. Make sure to check application deadlines, complete schedule and session dates/times by visiting www.WilsonElections.com/Institute. Additional information may be attached to this application, if necessary. For assistance with this application please email electioninstitute@wilsonelections.com or call 615-444-0216.

1. About You:				
Name:		Employer:		
Address:			City:	
State:	Zip:	Phone Numb	er:	
Email Address:				
2. Are you a registe	red voter? Yes	No	Unsure	
3. Please explain w	hy you would like to at	ttend the Wilson Coun	ty Election Institute.	
4. Attendance at all	Election Institute class	<u> </u>	you commit to attending all four classes? Unsure, please explain:	
5. Select one or mo	re of the following cat	egories that best desc	ribe you:	
Candidate	Consultant	Elected Official	Voter Campaign Staff/Volunteer	
Poll Worker	General Public	Media	Other:	
6. Please describe y	our background as it r	elates to the above ca	tegories:	
7. How did vou hea	r about the Wilson Co	untv Election Institute	?	