



Bellevue Essentials



WHAT IS BELLEVUE ESSENTIALS?

A 9 week civic engagement class that provides a **behind the scenes** look at how city government works everyday.

A hands-on, interactive experience with presentations, tours and activities designed to keep you actively engaged.





WHAT WILL CLASS MEMBERS GAIN FROM BELLEVUE ESSENTIALS?

They will graduate with:

- Knowledge of nuts and bolts of government process
- Understanding of how policy decisions are made
- Confidence to interact with City staff, elected officials and community leaders
- Skills to advocate for change
- Connections

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

9 class sessions, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Nov. 13

One Saturday morning (Oct. 5)

Graduation on Wednesday, Nov. 20

Includes time to network with peers, dinner,
and all necessary materials

Sessions are led by key staff members from
each City department

Each week will be different!



WHO SHOULD
APPLY FOR
BELLEVUE
ESSENTIALS?

Individuals with passion and commitment to civic engagement and a desire to be active in the city and community.

Emerging leaders who want to give back

Individuals who live or work in Bellevue
(residents receive priority)

The mission of Bellevue Essentials is to see our graduates have an impact in the community.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Submit the one-page application and two essay questions in writing or by audio recording.

Applications are due Aug. 2

A fee waiver can be requested by checking the box on the application and has no bearing on acceptance.



HOW IS THE CLASS SELECTED?

35 class members selected

Bellevue Essentials cohort is selected
by a committee of city staff and
Bellevue Essentials alumni

The committee strives to create a
class that is geographically and
demographically representative of
the community

The logo for Bellevue Essentials features the words "Bellevue" and "Essentials" stacked vertically in a blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a blue graphic element consisting of a curved line that starts thin and tapers to a solid blue shape, resembling a stylized wave or a partial arc.

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WANT TO KNOW
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