

Weston University Overview/Application Directions

- An 8-month program that meets once a month for a daylong session (always a Wednesday)
- Sessions are held on-site at various locations where city services are provided: City Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, Community Center, City Planning & Engineering firm (Calvin, Giordano & Associates) with field observation of operations and infrastructure via field trips.
- Through instruction, open conversations, observations, demonstrations and actual experiences, students are exposed to and educated on the details involved in running municipal departments on a day-to-day basis.
- Students are taught about state and local government by those elected to run it.
- Students learn problem-solving procedures used by city government; recognize the positions taken by city officials and the reasons behind those positions.
- Students participate in a City Commission simulation after having gained the knowledge necessary to present and defend both sides of the agenda issues.
- Upon successful completion of the program, students graduate and are honored at a City Commission meeting.

Further information can be obtained by going to:

- <https://www.westonfl.org/government/city-commission/civic-education/weston-university>

If you are interested in participation in the **Weston University Program** you must submit the following:

- You must be a JUNIOR or SENIOR to apply
 - You must demonstrate excellent responsibility and time management skills
 - Provide a one-page typed essay (1/2 page on "Why is Local Government Important?" and 1/2 page on "Why you want to participate in the program?")
 - Printout of academic history (high school grades) from Virtual Counselor
 - Teacher recommendation (attached) from TWO teachers
- All paperwork (essay; transcript; teacher recommendations) is due to Mrs. Bookman (Room 349) by 2:45pm on Friday, August 30, 2019

Students will miss one full day of school one Wednesday a month from October-May. Students are responsible for making up any work missed while attending a Weston University session and may be dropped from the program for poor grades or for missing more than one session throughout the year.

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