Austin Police Department  
Citizen Police Academy Disqualifiers

The Citizen Police Academy is offered to eligible citizens who desire to gain a unique understanding of the policies and procedures of the Austin Police Department. An applicant may be disqualified from participating for any of the following reasons, including but not limited to:

(a) Outstanding warrants of any type.

(b) Having a conviction for being under indictment for, or currently charged with any felony offense.

(c) Having a history of or conviction for any sexual related offense.

(d) Having a history of or conviction for Family Violence.

(e) Having been convicted for a class A Misdemeanor within the last ten (10) years.

(f) Having been convicted for a class B Misdemeanor within the last five (5) years.

(g) Having a driver’s license or ID card suspension for any reason that indicates poor driving behavior or responsibility to comply with State laws; up to five (5) years from the time of suspension to application. This does not include suspensions resulting from MIP violations.

(h) Having a driver’s license or ID card that is currently classified as a habitual violator.

(i) Applicant is a suspect of a crime while such case is being investigated by this Department or prosecuted as a result of such an investigation.

(j) Applicant is a known associate of a convicted felon.

(k) Applicant is a known member of or associated with any person or organization which advocates hatred, prejudice, or oppression of any person or group or which disseminates such material.

(l) Applicant is a known member of or associated with any organization, association, movement, or group which advocates the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States or which seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

(m) Persons who have a pending lawsuit against the Department shall not be allowed to participate in the academy while that lawsuit is active.

(n) Any other indications of criminal history, criminal involvement and/or previous law enforcement involvement will be evaluated on a case by case basis and considered in the application process.