

Citizens Water Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have to apply if I'm nominated?

Nominees must complete the application to be considered for the Citizens Water Academy.

2. If I'm nominated, how will I know?

The Water Authority will send an email to nominees (and those that nominated them) with a link to complete the application online. Please make sure you complete and submit it by the due date.

3. How long is the commitment?

Each Citizens Water Academy class will generally be composed of two three-hour weekday sessions and one full-day weekend session, tour and graduation ceremony. There will be optional extra credit and alumni events that will provide opportunities for graduates to learn more about other topics, as well as network and connect with other graduates.

4. I want to nominate someone – what type of person is a good candidate?

If you or someone you know is an emerging leader in the San Diego region who desires to learn more about water issues in the region; is passionate about sharing that knowledge with others; and can commit to attending all three sessions.

5. What happens if I am not accepted into the class of my preference?

Restrictions on tours and classroom seating force us to limit the number of applicants per class. If you are not accepted to the class of your preference, you can re-apply for a future academy class.

6. Do I have to attend every session?

Each session builds on the material covered in the previous one, so it's important to attend all three sessions (two weekday sessions and one weekend tour session).

7. I cannot attend this class. Can I get on the list for future classes?

If you would like to be considered for a future Citizens Water Academy class, please send an email to wateracademy@sdewa.org with your name, phone number, email

address and indicate that you would like to be notified of future academy classes. You can also subscribe to the RSS feed at www.sdcwa.org/citizens-water-academy.

8. Where are the sessions held?

Sessions are held in Mission Valley, La Jolla, and Escondido. Facility tours will travel to the Carlsbad Desalination Plant and Olivenhain Dam in Elfin Forest.

9. What is expected of me once I graduate?

After graduating, you will be asked to nominate and encourage others to apply. We will also have alumni events and tours for you to keep building your knowledge of water issues.