

SOUTHERN
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Teacher Training Class in Session

Citizenship Education Program



What Makes A First Class Citizen?

Ability to read and write.

Understanding of the responsibilities of voting, taking part in community affairs.

Elementary knowledge of local, state, and federal government.

Knowledge of the rights and privileges of the individual before the law.

Understanding of politics and how it works.

Knowledge of the Constitution of the United States and how it works.

All over the country there are adults who are not registered to vote, and who generally do not participate in their civic affairs. These persons are not full citizens. Many of them have not had an opportunity to learn what is required of first class citizens. These people need Citizenship training.

M. L. King Jr.

The Purpose Of The Citizenship School

The Citizenship Schools are for adults. Their immediate program is teaching reading and writing. They help students to pass literacy tests for voting. But they also give an all-around education in community development which includes housing, recreation, health, and improved home life. Specific subjects include filing income tax forms, understanding of tax-supported resources such as water testing for wells, aid to handicapped children, public health facilities, how government is run, social security, etc.

The Citizenship Schools give people help that is not available through any other private or public program at the present time.

They are open to all people of a community who face problems related to first class citizenship and want to do something about them.



Citizenship Schools & Voter Registration

Persons not registered to vote fall into three classes (1) Those too lazy, (2) Those who need brief instruction in a registration clinic, and (3) Those who need general instruction and encouragement.

The Citizenship School is specifically designed to work with group 3. No voter registration plan is complete without a program for those who need help in the fundamentals of citizenship.

How Do We Prepare For First-Class Citizenship ? ?

Each church and community organization should have a CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL to train its members to be good citizens.

Civic and social organizations may sponsor schools for those who have not had a chance to take this training.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will train persons from your church or civic organization to become teachers for your community. These teachers will help to prepare everyone in your community to be a first class citizen.

SCLC will provide:

- the cost of travel to Training Center
- tuition
- training
- supervision and materials

You will provide:

- a place for schools to meet (church, community bldg., etc.)
- a community coordinator for schools in your area
- qualified persons to be trained as teachers
- continued support of the local schools

Please submit applications to:

Mrs. Dorothy F. Cotton
SCLC Citizenship Education Program
334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Phone 524-1378

"Our Training Center"



Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Georgia

Whom Do You Send For Training?

Persons who are respected by members of their community and are acceptable to them as teachers.

Persons who are willing to give time in organizing classes, getting pupils, and making other practical arrangements.

Persons who are willing to give two nights a week for 12 weeks to teach a class in basic citizenship.

Persons who are at least 21 years old; though younger persons may be trained if they have the time and the interest.

Persons with practical skills who could be taught to teach (beauticians, tradesmen, farmers, seamstresses, etc.).

Retired school teachers, railroad and postal workers, self employed persons, etc.

Experienced Sunday School teachers.

Persons who read well aloud and who write legibly on a blackboard.

APPLICATION FOR TEACHER TRAINING

Citizenship Education Program of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Married _____ Single _____

_____ Telephone _____

Occupation _____ Registered Voter: Yes No

Other Jobs Held _____

Volunteer Leadership Experience _____

Sponsoring Organization _____

By _____ Title _____

Date of Workshop You Will Attend _____