



Election Institute

This program is designed to give citizens an inside look at how we prepare for elections. You will gain knowledge on Voter Registration, Ballot & Machine preparations, Candidate Information and the importance of Poll Workers, the Media and Community Outreach. You will learn how all of these functions are interrelated and how much detail is required when preparing and conducting elections.

**“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”
—Benjamin Franklin**

When:

Saturday– January 31, 2026

Time:

8:30am -11:30am Courses 1 & 2

11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30pm-3:00pm Courses 3 & 4

Lunch will be from 11:30 –12:20 pm
& breaks will also be provided.

You will need to bring your lunch and
snacks for the day.

Cost:

There is **NO COST** to attend Election Institute. It is a complimentary program.

Location:

All classes will take place at the
Wilson County Election Commission:

Wilson County Election Commission
230 E. Gay Street
Lebanon, TN 37087

For more information about the
Election Institute, please call
615-444-0216 or email
info@wilsontnvotes.gov

Classes



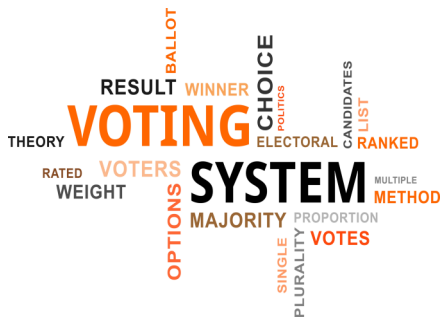
Course One: Overview & Voter Registration

In addition to an overview of the history of voting & elections, individuals will learn that good elections start with good voter rolls. Processes of exactly how voter rolls are maintained will be discussed along with who is eligible to register to vote.



Course Two: Candidate Information

This course will cover how a candidate's name gets on the ballot along with many areas of campaign finance, including filing requirements, deadline and legal regulations. Qualifications for different contests will also be discussed during this class.



Course Three: Ballot & Machine Preparation

This course will walk individuals through the process of how paper ballots are created, tested and printed for the election. Also, students will learn how the ballot marking devices & scanners are prepared, tested and sealed in preparation for Election Day.



Course Four: Poll Workers, Media & Community Outreach

Individuals will learn the importance of those that work the elections and the training that goes into being a poll worker. Media coverage will also be discussed along with the tools available for staying in touch and obtaining information, including the WilsonVotes website and various social networking websites. Students will also learn how our office works to instill the importance of voting and how groups are learning at an early age how to vote and participate.

Application



Wilson County Election Institute Application

Please complete all questions in this application and return to the Wilson County Election Commission, 230 E. Gay Street, Lebanon, TN 37087. Make sure to check application deadlines, complete schedule and session dates/times by visiting www.WilsonTNVotes.gov/Institute. Additional information may be attached to this application, if necessary. For assistance with this application please email info@wilsontnvotes.gov or call 615-444-0216.

1. About You:

Name: _____ Employer: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

2. Are you a registered voter? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

3. Please explain why you would like to attend the Wilson County Election Institute.

4. Attendance at all Election Institute classes is important. Can you commit to attending the day?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

5. Select one or more of the following categories that best describe you:

☐ Candidate ☐ Consultant ☐ Elected Official ☐ Voter ☐ Campaign Staff/Volunteer
☐ Poll Worker ☐ General Public ☐ Media ☐ Other: _____

6. Please describe your background as it relates to the above categories:

7. How did you hear about the Wilson County Election Institute? _____