



## **Summary**

The Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPS) was developed to address the need for increased civic involvement and awareness among the state's youth and engage them to become the next generation of civic leaders. The program is dedicated to educating our young citizens about the opportunities in the public sector. GCAPS provides civic education by exposing youth to the role of the local government and by introducing them to the leaders who make the local government work.

GCAPS is designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn first-hand the roles and services that Peach County Government provides. Throughout the coursework of the program year, GCAPS participants will take part in team building exercises, attend a Board of Commissioners meeting, tour county facilities, visit the State Capitol and interact with local and state elected officials.

GCAPS is fully supported by the Peach County Board of Commissioners with April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk serving as the Program Manager and T'Umbia H. Ashmon, Assistant Chief Appraiser serving as the Program Advisor.

## **Program Details**

- Student Delegates (Who is Eligible?)
  - Must be an 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade student as of August 2020
  - All Students who either live in Peach County or Attend School in Peach County will be eligible to participate.
  - Will select a maximum of five (5) Students
- Time Commitment:
  - Program will begin in October and continue until May 2021
  - Monthly meetings, which will be held after school or in the evenings
  - Please review the meeting schedule on reverse side to ensure you will be able to attend all meetings
  - Transportation will be provided for events outside the county.
  - Students will be expected to attend all sessions, if a student misses more than one session, they will be removed from the program.

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**Peach County GCAPS Schedule  
2010- 2021**

<b>October 19, 2020</b>	<b>GCAPS Applications Available</b>
<b>November 13, 2020</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>
<b>November 16-17, 2020</b>	<b>Candidate Interviews</b>
<b>November 20, 2020</b>	<b>Candidates Selected</b>
<b>December 1, 2020</b>	<b>Introduction to GCAPS Session #1</b> County Government 101 Location: Commissioners Meeting Room 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley Time: 4:00 PM
<b>December 8, 2020</b>	<b>GCAPS Session #2 – Civil Court</b> Peach County Magistrate Court 700 Spruce Street, Fort Valley, Georgia Time: 8:15 a.m.
<b>January 5, 2020</b>	<b>Meet &amp; Greet Reception /BOC Meeting</b> Location: Commissioners Meeting Room 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley Time: 5:00 PM
<b>TBD</b>	<b>GCAPS Session #3 – Team Building Exercise</b> Location: Commissioners Meeting Room 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley Time: 3:15 PM
<b>TBD</b>	<b>GCAPS Session #4</b> <b>Economic Development Session</b> Location: TBD Time: TBD
<b>TBD</b>	<b>GCAPS Session #5</b> Location: TBD Time: TBD
<b>TBD</b>	<b>GCAPS Session #6</b> <b>Visit to State Capital</b> Location: Atlanta, GA Time: 9:30 AM
<b>TBD</b>	<b>GCAPS Session #7</b> <b>Law Enforcement Session</b> Location: 1007 Spruce Street Ext. Time: 3:15 PM
<b>May 2021</b>	<b>GCAPS Session #8</b> <b>TBD</b> Location: TBD
<b>May 11, 2021</b>	<b>GCAPS Graduation</b> Location: Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 213 Persons Street Time: 6:00 PM