

Civic Bootcamp NYC

Goal: Earn 100 points or more across at least 8 activities (try to do one each week).

Learn and Engage

- **5** — Sign up for your Community Board newsletter (nyc.gov/site/cau/community-boards)
- **5** — Sign up for your City Council Member's newsletter
- **5** — Follow your City Council Member and State Assembly Member on social media
- **5** — Find a bill or resolution your Council Member is sponsoring
- **5** — Subscribe to a local news outlet (Gothamist, The City, NY Daily News, etc.).
- **5** — Subscribe to a local news podcast ([FAQ NYC](#), [Off Topic On Politics](#), etc.).
(*THE CITY, Gothamist, NY Daily News, Hell Gate, City Limits, New York Times – Metro*)
- **10** — Write a short memo (½ page) on a local office that isn't Mayor
(*e.g., Borough President, Comptroller, Public Advocate, DA, Community Board*)
- **10** — Attend a lecture, panel, or talk on NYC government or policy
- **10** — Live stream events with the mayor or city council on YouTube or attend a local government meeting by zoom.
- **15** — Attend a Community Board, City Council, School Board (CEC), or zoning meeting (in person or online)
- **15** — Attend a meeting of a civic or advocacy group (ask one question or make one comment)
- **15** — Meet (office hours / Zoom) with a local representative or civic org staffer
- **15** — Introduce yourself to guest speakers in NYC Civics sessions and learn how to get involved.
- **20** — Attend a city council meeting or neighborhood board meeting.
- **20** — Volunteer for a local government official or civic group
- **20** — Participate in civic actions related to a local issue
- **30** — Complete all Civic Sessions

Build Community

- **5** — Attend a NY Civics Happy Hour after class or something similar.
- **10** — Create a **GroupMe** / **WhatsApp** / **Discord** for 5+ neighbors or friends around a local or state issue.
- **10** — Introduce yourself to someone in the NYC Civics Program and plan to go to a civic event together.
- **10** — Bring 5 friends to a local government, policy, or civic event.
- **20** — Organize a community event (film screening, book club, happy hour) to discuss local issues.
- **20** — Plan a volunteer day relevant to a local civic issue
(*park cleanup, mutual aid pantry, housing court watch, food distribution*)
- **20** — Join a community group tied to a civic or social issue

- **20** — Start a short newsletter / flyer / Substack/ FB page for your building, or neighborhood.
- **30** — Run for (or already serve in) a leadership role in any organization

Teach Other People

- **10** — Recruit a friend or family member to participate in this Bootcamp
- **20** — Have a structured conversation about NYC politics or state politics with a family member or friend.
- **20** — Teach family or friends about how one state or country differs from another on a particular issue of institution (example: health care, welfare programs, homelessness)
- **20** — Create a 2 minute video explaining a government position or local issue and post it on social media.

Influence

- **10** — Register to vote in **New York** (or update your registration)
- **10** — Sign a petition on a NYC issue you care about
(*housing, transit, climate, education, public safety*)
- **10** — Volunteer for a local cause
(*mutual aid, housing advocacy, environmental justice, court watch*)
- **20** — Convince 5+ people to register to vote before the deadline for the general election in November
- **10** — Join a civic or student organization with a NYC focus
- **20** — Attend a rally, workshop, or teach-in
- **30** — Volunteer on a local campaign
(*City Council, DA, State Assembly, Congressional race, ballot initiative*)
- **10** — Share an article or post about NYC government on social media and tag your Council Member
- **30** — Apply to be a community board member, run for school board, join the PTA of your child's school, organize a community event on a NYC civic issue.
- **30** — Create and share an online video about NYC local politics.