

# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

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ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATION OF VOTERS

### What is the Civic Engagement Project?

The Rogers State University Civic Engagement Project is program of the Office of Student Affairs and seeks to promote a culture of civic engagement and democratic learning across RSU. Through voter mobilization, election watch parties, politics and pizza, and other activities, the Civic Engagement Project fosters a non-partisan effort to grow active and engaged student citizens. By collaborating with other university offices and student organizations, the Civic Engagement Project institutionalizes our approach to develop the whole student.

### What Does The Civic Engagement Project Do?

The Civic Engagement Project offers several activities throughout the year:

- Voter registration drives help reach our goal of total student voter registration. At the beginning of each semester, registration tables are organized across campus as well as informational booths.
- During major elections, the Civic Engagement Project will organize election watch parties to bring students together in a non-partisan gathering. Political science professors are often invited to provide analysis and spark discussion on our nation's governance.
- The Civic Engagement Project will also organize debates, lectures, and guest speaker arrangements that bring political science professors, civic leaders, and candidates to campus.
- Politics & Pizza, borrowed from the Carl Albert Center, offers an open discussion led by favorite professors on political science, public interest, and international relations subjects. They offer an opportunity for students to learn, connect, and explore the greater world we live in.

### Am I Eligible? How Do I Get Involved?

Qualified students are eligible to join the Civic Engagement Project if they meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled in at-least six (6) credit hours at RSU
- Have at-least a 2.00 cumulative or career GPA

If you meet these requirements, consider applying and being a part of the Civic Engagement Project. **All students are invited to apply.**

### Civic Engagement Project Official Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

What Civic Activities or Organizations Have You Participated In?

In one sentence or less, what does a democratically engaged campus mean to you?

I certify the above information is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge and abilities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

When completed, return to:  
Office of Student Affairs, 1701 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore, OK 74017  
or email to [studentactivities@student.rsu.edu](mailto:studentactivities@student.rsu.edu).

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### Why Should I Apply?

Applying to the RSU Civic Engagement Project offers unique opportunities for its members. These include:

- Designation as an RSU Civic Engagement Fellow
- Networking with other civic-minded students and community leaders, including local elected officials, university administrators, and state officials
- Making a difference on your campus through service, leadership, and community change
- Developing critical skills such as event management, interpersonal communications, and organizational leadership
- Receiving academic credit for volunteering\*

*\*Academic credit is dependent on departmental approval. If you are interested in seeking academic credit for a practicum, field placement, or similar course, please coordinate with the Office of Student Affairs and academic department offering the course.*

### What Happens Next?

The Civic Engagement Project will review your application and contact you within two (2) weeks with a response letter. If accepted, you are welcome to any and all activities and meetings hosted by the Civic Engagement Project. Members of the Civic Engagement Project are recognized as fellows and are expected to regularly attend meetings and support the activities of the Civic Engagement Project.

### Continuing Membership

In order to stay in good standing, members of the Civic Engagement Project must meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours at RSU and maintain at-least a 2.00 cumulative GPA
- Volunteer at- east 10 hours in voter registration booths or classroom presentations each semester
- Help staff, plan, or organize another Civic Engagement Project activity each semester, e.g. Pizza & Politics, election watch party, etc.
- Promote the Civic Engagement Project to another RSU student, prospective student, registered student organization, or class

### Who Is the Civic Engagement Project?

The Civic Engagement Project is a student-led program at RSU that seeks to promote a culture of civic engagement and democratic learning across RSU. It engages student leaders to generate, positive civic engagement on campus. For more information, consider contacting the RSU Office of Student Affairs:

RSU Office of Student Affairs  
918-343-7579



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