



CLER PROGRAM FAQ



Q: WHAT IS CLER?

The Policy Circle's Civic Leadership Engagement Roadmap (CLER) is a three-month, self-paced leadership program that allows you to develop a stronger foundation of civic knowledge and build pathways for civic leadership within your community. CLER is designed to inform, prepare, and propel aspiring and emerging women leaders.

Q: WHAT IS THE POLICY CIRCLE?

Founded in 2015, The Policy Circle is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization that provides pathways for women to become courageous, knowledgeable, and active citizens who identify and take ownership of local solutions to the issues facing their communities. The Policy Circle firmly believes that solutions are grounded in personal initiative, innovation, and entrepreneurial values fostered by sound public policies based on free market principles. Learn more about our [core principles](#).

Q: WHAT WILL I GET OUT OF CLER?

CLER features proprietary curriculum, one-on-one coaching, engagement with peer groups, and networking opportunities to allow you to connect with local policy leaders and decision-makers in your community. You will walk away with deeper civic knowledge and a curated skillset tailored to the needs of your community and your civic leadership goals.

Q: WHO IS CLER MEANT FOR?

CLER is designed for curious, civic-minded women from a variety of different backgrounds who are looking to expand their impact through local engagement.

Q: WHICH CLER COURSE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

There are currently three different CLER courses designed to equip you with the knowledge and tools needed to empower your leadership journey (cont'd):



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Q: WHICH CLER COURSE IS RIGHT FOR ME (CONT'D)?

- CLER 1.0: Founding Principles & Local Government is an opportunity to take a deep dive into your local government, and build a foundational understanding of the U.S. Constitution and government structure.
- CLER 2.0: State & Federal Government is an opportunity to delve deeper into the workings of state political parties, how bills and legislation take shape, and the roles of the three branches of government on the national and local levels.
- CLER 3.0: Education is an opportunity to better understand the inner workings of your local school district, the role that the state and federal government play in shaping it, the details of serving on a school board, and more.

Q: HOW DO I APPLY?

You can apply with this brief application online [here](#). Applications are open for all future CLER dates, with upcoming deadlines for the next approaching cohort.

Q: WHAT ARE THE DATES FOR THE UPCOMING CLER COURSES?

Dates for all upcoming cohorts are outlined on The Policy Circle's [website](#).

Q: WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

CLER is a three-month self-paced course, which includes two monthly virtual meetings, and approximately six hours of monthly engagement.

Q: HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE?

CLER participants are asked to donate a minimum of \$300, or \$30 a month. The Policy Circle wants CLER to remain accessible, so if you are unable to make this commitment, please contact Beth McQueen, The Policy Circle's Membership Engagement Manager, at bmcqueen@thepolicycircle.org to receive an Award Application.