



# CLER PROGRAM FAQ 2024



## 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 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 diverse backgrounds who are looking to expand their impact through local engagement. The program embraces civic engagement rooted in free market principles and personal agency, with participants having aligned values in this philosophy.

## 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:

- 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 (invite-only) 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: 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.



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## Q: WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

CLER is a three-month self-paced course, which includes monthly virtual meetings, and approximately six hours of monthly activity, resulting in an estimated 18 hours of total engagement.

## Q: HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE?

The program participant fee for CLER is \$300, which can be made as a one-time payment, or spread out into 3 payments of \$100. Payment must be initiated in order to be enrolled in the program, prior to the first meeting. 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](mailto:bmcqueen@thepolicycircle.org) to request an Award Application.

## Q: WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITES FOR EACH CLER COURSE?

There are no prerequisites to participate in CLER 1.0: Founding Principles & Local Government or CLER: Education. Participation in CLER 2.0 is by invitation-only, and participants must have completed CLER 1.0 in order to be eligible for participation.

## 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 WITHDRAWAL POLICY?

Once the CLER program has started, no refunds are given if there's a need to withdraw. However, we understand that life happens, which might change your plans for finishing the CLER program. If extreme circumstances arise, we will work with you. We also allow you to postpone to a future cohort. If you need to withdraw or postpone, please reach out to us as soon as possible.