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## City of Clearwater, FL: Citizens Academy Application 2018



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### Survey Details

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1. **CITIZENS ACADEMY**  
Class Application, Fall 2018

Name: Aaron Smith-Levin  
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Zip Code: 33755  
Business Phone: Not answered

Mailing Address: 1615 Harvard Street  
State: Florida  
Home Phone: (215) 694-6102  
E-Mail Address: asmithlevin@yahoo.com

2. I am a resident of the incorporated city of Clearwater  
☐ Yes

3. I am a business owner in the incorporated city of Clearwater  
☐ Yes

4. Tell us a little about yourself (past employment, organizations in which you are, or have been active, and special interests):  
I am self-employed. My company is OTG Research Group, LLC. We do investment research for hedge funds. I also do real estate investing in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

I am a former Scientologist. I was featured on the television show "Leah: Remini: Scientology & the Aftermath". In fact the episode I was featured in was nominated for, and won, an Emmy Award for "Best Informational Series".

I have a YouTube channel called "Growing Up In Scientology".

I am also the Vice Chairman & Vice President of The Aftermath Foundation; a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people who are leaving Scientology, but who are losing their friends, family and job in the process. We help such individuals transition to life on the outside as smoothly as possible.

I am also one of the directors of the Skycrest Neighborhood Association.

5. Please tell us why you would like to participate in Clearwater 101:

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I believe that the local citizens need to be as informed and active in local politics as possible. I think that understanding the organizational structure and function of the various local government departments is essential to knowing how to work with the city to accomplish local goals.

**6. What do you consider your major strengths and qualifications for Clearwater 101?:**

Strengths would be my willingness and desire to learn about this subject as well as my ability to educate and mobilize others with the knowledge I will gain.

Qualifications would be that I've spent 15 years living in Clearwater. My kids were born in and are being raised in Clearwater. My mother is also a resident.

As mentioned earlier, I am also one of the directors of the Skycrest Neighborhood Association.

**7. How will the community benefit from your participation in Clearwater 101?:**

One of my primary goals is to assist the city in revitalizing Clearwater's downtown business district. I have many associates (including Leah Remini & Mike Rinder) who are interested in opening businesses in downtown Clearwater if and when the opportunity arises.

I need to better understand the workings of local government in order to be able to advise my contacts about local opportunities.

One of my strengths is being able to impart knowledge to others and to mobilize people behind a cause. Helping revitalize downtown Clearwater is one of the causes that I and my friends are passionate about.

**8. Shirt Information (ALL SHIRTS ARE PRE-SHRUNK COTTON)**

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**9. Do you or have you served on a city board in Clearwater? If so, which one?:**

No.

**10. How did you hear about the Citizens Academy?:**

Joanna Siskin

**Applicant Personal Commitment**

If selected I will devote the time necessary to meet graduation requirements. If chosen, I will attend at least eight (8) of the ten (10) sessions. I will continue to stay involved in city government to the best of my ability and act as an ambassador by sharing my knowledge with other Clearwater citizens.

**11. For the safety of participants, a background check will be completed on all applicants. For that purpose, please include the following:**

Race	White
Gender	Male
Date of Birth	09/29/1980

Thank you,  
City of Clearwater, FL

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