

Be Super Involved!

Get a friend involved with you

Learning something new can be overwhelming and maybe even scary. Doing it with someone else might make it easier. Find a friend who also wants to learn, get involved, and take action together!

Join a board or commission

The state and each city/town have many boards and commissions to help make decisions on various issues. Topics may include education, energy, historic district, libraries, human services, parks and recreation, planning and zoning, veterans, and more!

Some board and commission members must be elected, while others are appointed by the Mayor/First Selectman or the Governor. Many boards and commissions in Connecticut have open spots.

You can see state openings here: www.jobapscloud.com/CT. Then click on State of Connecticut Boards, Councils, and Commissions Members. For local openings, check your town's website or contact your town's leadership for information on how to apply.

Join a town committee

In Connecticut, a town committee supports the activities of a political party and its elected officers. Every municipality has both a Republican and a Democratic town committee.

Membership on a town committee provides the opportunity for individuals to participate in local politics and provides the opportunity to be nominated for service to the town.

Committee members often collect signatures and gain the endorsement of fellow party members to serve, as the size of the committee is limited. It is the job of the committee to recruit and choose the candidates to run for local office. Learn more on the State Elections Enforcement Commission website at SEEC.CT.gov.

Become a poll worker

Poll workers are paid to help run our elections and are vital to ensuring a smooth, safe, and secure voting experience. These positions are open to U.S. citizens registered to vote in Connecticut (16 and 17-year-olds require parental or guardian permission). Details may be found online at MyVote.CT.gov by clicking the Poll Worker Information Form link in the blue box at the top of the page.



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Read the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence

Do you know all the rights you're entitled to in the United States and what the leaders envisioned for this country? Three documents, known as the founding documents, will give you this insight:

The Constitution of the United States outlines how the federal government should be structured and explains the checks and balances of each branch. Over the years, amendments to the Constitution have been made to update the document so it evolves with the people's needs and desires.

The Constitution's first ten amendments are known as the Bill of Rights. They were written to protect people's rights and limit government powers. The document guarantees civil liberties such as freedom of speech, religion, and the press.

The Declaration of Independence was written to announce the separation from Great Britain and to explain why the United States wanted its independence. The Continental Congress approved it on July 4, 1776, which is why the United States celebrates Independence Day on the 4th of July every year.

There is also a Connecticut state constitution. The current Connecticut constitution was adopted in 1965, and it's considered the "supreme law of the state." It outlines the structures and powers of the state government and the people's rights.

Run for office

Becoming an elected official is an honorable and noteworthy way to serve your community. It can be challenging but also extremely rewarding. Did you know there are very few requirements to run for most positions? Besides being a U.S. citizen, there are some age requirements for certain positions. However, very few positions require a legal (or other professional) background. If you are considering running for office, learn more by visiting SOTS.CT.gov and clicking the "candidate information" link in the grey box.



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