



## CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASS

### CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION & NATURALIZATION APPLICATION SERVICES

#### By OAE Staff

Owatonna Adult Education recently received a grant, in partnership with the International Institute of Minnesota, which will prepare students for the naturalization process and provide citizenship classes in person and online. These classes will begin in 2025 and be open to students from around the Southern Minnesota region. Find further details below and consider telling your networks about this incredible opportunity!

#### Program Details:

- Each student completes 44 hours of classwork.
- Class enrollment will give all students access to an OLAP-accredited representative (Office of Legal Access Programs) who will assist students in filing their forms.
- Students will practice speaking, reading, and writing English in every class and build upon their foundational Civics knowledge through instructional activities.
- Integrated activities will feature visits to the State Capitol, guest speakers serving as civic leaders and elected officials, and local excursions to community libraries and government offices.
- Upon completion of this class, students will understand the different branches of the US government, articulate the principles of American Democracy, identify US geography and explain historical events, understand the parts of the naturalization interview, and fully engage in the US citizen experience.

#### Class Details:

- Our first cohort will begin in early February.
- Our first class will occur on Mondays & Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm.
- Future classes may occur during the morning hours and on the weekends based on student availability.
- Students enroll by completing an intake form, taking a pre-test, and providing a copy of their Green Card.
- To enroll, contact Kim Reyant at 507-444-7925 or visit Roosevelt!

### READY SET FAFSA! SERIES

Ready Set FAFSA! is a series of free financial aid events available to Minnesota students and families via zoom. The series, running on Tuesday evenings in January, is intended for individuals heading to higher education in 2025 and will cover information about the following:

- College Application
- Financial Aid Process
- FAFSA & MN Dream Act

All sessions will have Spanish, Somali, and Hmong translation. Attendees can ask questions in the chat and have them answered during the event by financial aid experts.

These sessions are offered by the MN Office of Higher Ed, MDE, The College Place, and MN Goes to College.

Visit the Ready Set FAFSA! landing page for dates, topics, and registration!