



Alabama Communities of Excellence Now Accepting Applications for 2021 Class

ACE welcomes mayors of Alabama communities with a population of 2,000 to 18,000 to apply for its program and begin the journey to becoming an ACE Town. Currently, 42 cities across the state have completed the program to be officially designated as an “Alabama Community of Excellence.”

The ACE program consists of three phases. Phase I focuses on community assessment, while Phase II concentrates on leadership development and strategic planning. Phase III wraps up the program with comprehensive planning and implementing the strategic plan.

Communities interested in participating in the program are chosen using a competitive application process. ACE employs the following main criteria when selecting participants:

- Level of commitment to the ACE program.
- Capacity to support the ACE program.
- Provision of complete and accurate information in the application.

Please apply on our website at alabamacommunitiesofexcellence.org/apply. Online applications are preferred, but we can accept mailed applications. The deadline to apply is **July 31**. A video of our 2021 Application Training Workshop is also available at alabamacommunitiesofexcellence.org/apply to guide applicants through the process — click the red “Watch the Training Video about Applying” button!

For information about applying, click on alabamacommunitiesofexcellence.org/apply. Please [email](mailto:info@alabamacommunitiesofexcellence.org) us if you have any questions.

Visit our website at AlabamaCommunitiesofExcellence.org and our [Facebook page](#) to learn more about the ACE program and designated ACE Towns.