

Faculty Civic Champion Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Faculty Civic Champion at Northampton Community College. Your commitment to civic engagement plays a vital role in empowering our students to be informed, active participants in our democracy. This initiative comes from a grant secured by the Office of Student Life & Leadership Development to increase civic and voter participation amongst our students through the organization Ask Every Student. **Our initiative is completely non-partisan and is affiliated with our NCC Votes program. Faculty that participate in this program will have the opportunity to earn a stipend of up to \$250 for participating in the fall. Applications will close on July 31, 2025 at 5PM. Faculty Civic Champions will be notified of their selection by August 6.**

What is a Faculty Civic Champion?

A faculty civic champion is an instructor who integrates non-partisan democratic engagement activities into their classes and helps their students engage with their community through voting and other activities. Faculty Civic Champions serve a vital role in connecting students with existing efforts to promote civic engagement at their institutions.

Why you?

Students see faculty as trusted figures at the college. By faculty, we mean all instructors, including full-time & adjunct. According to the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), which collects data on student voting at over 1,100 colleges and universities, the overall voting rate at NCC during the most recent study (2022 midterms) was only 33% of our students, a 2.8% decrease from 2018. Studies have shown that programs that work with academic affairs are more likely to increase student voter turnout and long-term civically engaged citizens. This is why we hope you will participate in this program as a Faculty Civic Champion.

What are the requirements?

Faculty selected for the program will receive a \$250 stipend upon completion of the following requirements:

1. Incorporate at least one civic experience into one or more of your courses during the fall semester.

You can either have students attend a civic event (any NCC Votes or 2025 Humanities Theme program counts) or include a module in your course on Brightspace (provided by Student Life)

2. Host a classroom presentation

Classroom presentation will be scheduled and provided by members of the Student Life & NCC Votes team to your class.

3. Include a statement in your syllabus

Syllabus language will be provided to faculty by Student Life & NCC Votes.

4. Join the NCC Voter Engagement Coalition

As a part of this experience, you will join on as a member of the soon to be established NCC Voter Engagement Coalition, a collaborative working group to increase civic action across campus departments and community groups.

* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

1. Full Name *

2. Staff Email Address *

3. Campus You Teach At (select all that apply) *

- Bethlehem
- Fowler
- Pocono
- Virtual

4. What academic department do you belong to? *

5. Why are you interested in serving as a Faculty Civic Champion? *

6. **Syllabus Agreement:** I understand that if selected, I will include language in my syllabus about voter registration and deadlines. This information will be provided by the Office of Student Life & Leadership Development *

- Yes

7. **Civic Experience Requirement:** As a part of this experience, you will need to incorporate a civic experience into your class. You can do this by having your students attend at least one civic event during the fall semester or including a module in BrightSpace for your students. Please select which you intend to include within your course? *

- My students will attend a civic event from a list of options
- My students will complete a module in BrightSpace
- I want both options available to my students

8. **Classroom Visit Scheduling:** As a part of this experience, you will need to schedule a classroom presentation for at least one of your fall courses. Please let us know potential dates during the semester that may work best for you. This will help our NCC Votes Ambassadors arrange their schedules. *

9. I understand this program is non-partisan and that NCC Votes is a non-partisan voter education and civic engagement initiative of Northampton Community College. NCC Votes does not promote any political party or candidate for office. *

Yes

10. I understand that in order to receive the \$250 stipend at the end of the fall semester, I must complete all the requirements of participating in the Faculty Civic Champion program. *

Yes

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