

MANASSAS OFFERS FREE GED TRAINING AND TESTING FOR CITY RESIDENTS



The City of Manassas is launching a new, free program called GRADUATE, which is designed to help adult residents who lack a high school diploma acquire an equivalent General Education Development (GED) certificate.

The program is free to residents including: enrollment, books and other course materials, and exam fees. Developed with regional workforce development and education partners, the program includes free tutoring and mentoring—along with \$250 worth of gift certificates to participating Manassas restaurants and retailers as a bonus incentive for all graduates of the program. Residents can enroll immediately and the pilot program runs through June 30, 2021.

In Manassas, only 81.3% of the City's population has a high school degree or higher compared to 89% in Virginia. Accordingly, Manassas residents ranked the quality of education as one of their top priorities in the 2018 Citizen Satisfaction Survey. Consequently, the *Manassas 2025: Five Year Strategic Plan* aims to increase the percentage of working age adults who have a high school equivalency to at least the regional average by 2030.

We are calling on you, our partners in the business community, to help make this program a success. You can encourage your employees to participate by ensuring they have the necessary time off; provide raises for completion; or offer monetary awards. Please also share with your neighbors, friends and family. It really does "take a village".

For more information about the GRADUATE program, or to register,

Press Release



Who We Are

Here, at the Department of Economic Development, our team is driven by a commitment to help businesses like yours thrive and grow. Please consider us as your personal concierge for any business-related needs. From permitting and licensing assistance, to access to capital or finding solutions to workforce demands, we are here for you.

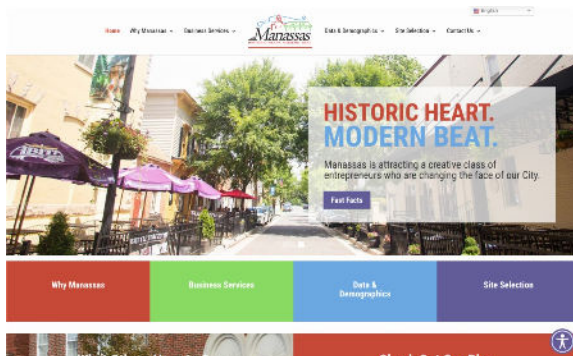
We understand that location is one of the most significant factors in whether a business succeeds and we thank you for choosing Manassas.

We also encourage your feedback. Please share ideas and information directly with us about anything that would be helpful to our local businesses. Also, don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates on Manassas happenings.



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All you need to know about the City's unparalleled dining options, one-of-a-kind shops and can't miss festivals and events can be found here.

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