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Mayor Luttrell Seeks Youth for New Advisory Council

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., is starting a new youth council to get ideas and perspectives from young people about some of the issues affecting Shelby County.

“I’ll hear directly about ways to make our community better and how youth can become actively engaged with government,” said Mayor Luttrell.

The idea for the Shelby County Mayor’s Youth Council resulted after a teenager met personally last year with Mayor Luttrell during one of his monthly “Meet the Mayor” sessions.

“Emma Johnson, a 9th grader at Evangelical Christian School, eagerly presented the idea for me to meet with her and some of her fellow students. I accepted the offer and gained some wonderful insights from the sessions,” added Mayor Luttrell.

Emma organized the pilot phase of the council with eight of her fellow students. The group met monthly, which included sessions with Mayor Luttrell and Paul Young, the mayor’s Director of Legislative and Community Affairs.

Those sessions led students to volunteer to feed the homeless, participate in community clean-up campaigns and focus on their career choices.

The goal for the upcoming school year will be to engage more students from schools throughout Shelby County.

Students must meet the following criteria to serve on the mayor’s youth council:

- Must be in grades 9th-12th beginning in August 2015 and attending a private/public school or homeschool in Shelby County;
- Have a GPA at least 2.5 or higher
- Must attend County Government Day on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 (all day event in Downtown Memphis)
- Must be willing to attend at least 10 out of 14 scheduled meetings. *(Meetings will be once every 3 weeks from August 2015 - May – 2016)*

Thirty (30) students will be selected to participate. Applications will be accepted through midnight on **May 1, 2015**. To apply, students may fill out the online application [HERE](#). For more information, please contact Paul Young at paul.young@shelbycountyttn.gov or call **(901) 222-2000**.

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