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**SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR LEE HARRIS ANNOUNCES FOURTH ANNUAL
SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

Students and young adults interested in summer employment are invited to apply starting today. Applications close Friday, April 8, 2022.

Shelby County, TN – Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris is now accepting applications for the fourth annual Mayor's Summer Work Experience Program. Applications are available now through Friday, April 8, 2022 at www.shelbycountyttn.gov/mswe. Participants will work within Shelby County Government and be selected by a random lottery.

This year's theme is "Championing Challenges." The program is a highly engaging eight-week summer work experience for Shelby County young adults 18-24. The program helps participants sharpen communication, organization, and customer service skills. Also, program participants will learn key career enhancement strategies while attending a weekly paid professional development course.

In response to the economic pressures facing Shelby County's young people and their families, Mayor Harris has authorized an increase to \$15 per hour for the 2022 program. In previous years, participants received \$12 per hour. In addition to \$15 per hour, participants can receive a \$100 bonus for perfect attendance. All participants must be available to work Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. from June 6 through July 29. Participants must also be available to attend in-person professional development sessions on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until noon.



Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: “We’re excited to provide opportunities for young people who have an interest in working in government. It is my hope that they will learn professional skills that will stay with them throughout their lives. Some of our past participants have even gone on to become full-time Shelby County Government employees. Our young people will be future leaders both inside and outside of government. Our job is to help set them on that path.”

Shelby County Director of Education Dr. Cedrick Gray: “Participating in the Mayor’s Summer Work Experience is about more than coming to work, collecting your pay, and going home. Our young people learn how to show up and perform their jobs with excellence. In our program, they sharpen current skills while developing a new awareness of how what they do impacts the greater community.”

Applications are available now through Friday, April 8, 2022. Selected participants will receive notice from the Shelby County Human Resources Department. Learn more and submit an application at www.shelbycountyttn.gov/mswe.

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