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DEKALB COUNTY

YOUTH COMMISSION
LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

DeKalb County Leadership Initiative | Youth Commission

2014
Student
Interim CEO: Lee May
APPLICATION

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Sharon Barnes Sutton, District 4
Lee May, District 5 | Kathie Gannon, Super District 6
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DeKalb County Youth Commission



Overview

The DeKalb County Youth Commission is a LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, sponsored in March of 2008 by Commissioner Lee May for the CEO and the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners. It was designed to involve youth, from varied socioeconomic backgrounds and multi-cultural neighborhoods, with opportunities to have a voice in their communities.

By learning the roles of county government, and participating in civic and community activities, and while representing the views of the youth of DeKalb County, the Youth Commissioners will sustain their efforts to becoming effective leaders of the future.

General

This vision seeks the involvement of DeKalb County youth, in the planning, development and implementation of community activities and services.

We believe that early involvement of our youth, in the spectrum of governmental mandates and processes will increase their awareness and enable them to become more effective leaders.

With the motto of “Learn, Serve, Lead”, the DeKalb County Youth Commission will establish an environment in which the youth of DeKalb County can learn about DeKalb County Government, reinforce that learning through civic activities, and develop a foundation to lead in the future.

Administration

The DeKalb County Youth Commission is administrated by Mr. Dale Phillips, Director of Human Services Division of the DeKalb County Community and Human Department, along with Carolyn Frisby, Youth Commission Coordinator.



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Membership

Students, enrolled in DeKalb County's high schools from the tenth and eleventh grades, are encouraged to apply annually to participate in the DeKalb County Youth Commission program. Selection is based on a completed application that contains an essay, and a referral from a County Commissioner, school administrator, teacher, counselor or civic leader. Other considerations may include a student's GPA, community involvement (i.e., volunteerism, clubs, youth groups, etc.), and their presentation during an interview process. Students should have a rich history of recognized leadership potential, as well as, extra time to actively participate during school hours and at after school events. Applications are presented in January to all of DeKalb County's private and public high schools, public libraries, community youth organizations and others requesting information. Newly selected applicants will be notified in March of their acceptance into the program and may maintain membership in the Youth Commission until they graduate from high school.

The parents and guardians of Youth Commissioners have the opportunity to participate on the DeKalb County Commission's Parental Advisory Council. This Council will meet twice a year during the Youth Commission term, providing parents/guardians an avenue to stay well informed on matters concerning the Youth Commission agenda and events.

The DeKalb County Youth Commission

Goals

- Participate in annual Opening Planning Retreat
- Attend monthly meeting and training sessions
- Participate in the Official Induction Ceremony
- Conduct peer/community Focus Groups
- Host a community forum on DCTV
- Create a Youth Ballot
- Create a Youth Agenda
- Present Youth Agenda and other related-issues to the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners
- Partner with DeKalb County departments and community service organizations to observe youth programming and engage in youth-related activities.

Administration

The DeKalb County Youth Commission elects officers on an annual basis. The officers consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Parliamentarian. The Youth Commission's operating interval is from September to May, however, administration planning, activities and initiatives occur on a year round basis. This period will be divided into the fall and spring terms.



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Youth Commission Application

(For 2014-2015 Term)

Submission Deadline: Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday, March 21, 2014

For more information, contact Carolyn M. Frisby, Youth Commission Coordinator
Phone: (404) 370-7255 FAX: (404)-270-1170 email: cmfrisby@dekalbcountyga.gov

Applications must be submitted to:
Human and Community Development Department
Human Services Division
ATTN: Youth Commission
39 Rogers Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30317

In order to be considered, students must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of DeKalb County.
- Currently enrolled in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade and attend a DeKalb County high school.
- Must commit to participation requirements (See ATTACHMENT).
- Must attend the annual Retreat scheduled on May 22, 2014.
- Submittal of a Completed APPLICATION with includes: The Dossier Section, and
 - o A one page typed Nomination Statement from a teacher, counselor, principal, or community member who has known the applicant for at least 1 year (See NOMINATION SECTION).
 - o A two page doubled space essay (See ESSAY SECTION).

Application

DOSSIER SECTION:

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____ County of _____

Residence: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Age: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ Gender: F M Race: _____ (Optional)

High School: _____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____

Email address: _____

Shirt Size (Male Shirt) (Circle one)

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Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian daytime phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian email address: _____

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NOMINATION SECTION:

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINATOR (Teacher, counselor, principal, or community member who has known the applicant for at least 1 year). (If additional space is needed, attach sheet(s) to application)

Nominator's Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

NOMINATION STATEMENT:

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Will you be able to attend the Annual Retreat, scheduled on May 22, 2014?

Please circle: YES OR NO (If no, please explain)

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List a few of the extracurricular activities you have participated in during the past three (3) years. Add any offices held and/or awards received.

Organization	Position Held	Date of Involvement
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____



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ESSAY SECTION:

In your opinion, what are the three most important issues facing DeKalb County youth today, and how would you address these issues?

1.

2.

3.

ESSAY TOPIC: From the three topics listed above, choose and write about an issue that you think is the most important one facing DeKalb County youth today.

Your check list of attachments:

o **NOMINATION STATEMENT** from Teacher, Counselor, School Administrator, Commissioner or Civic/Community Leader.

o **ESSAY** (Two page, Double spaced) - An organized document that includes an introduction, a body with supportive ideas and a conclusion with a specific positive action that you think will resolve this issue.

NOTES SECTION

