

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
L. KEITH BRADY**

Dear Prospective Newnan Youth Council Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Newnan Youth Council. The purpose of this program is to introduce high school students to their City government and give them opportunities to grow as leaders in their community.

Newnan Youth Council members will hear from successful, inspirational speakers from local government and local businesses. They will also participate in teen forums and a community project involving local youth. There will be opportunities to build leadership experience and foster civic responsibility amongst your peers during your time of service on the Newnan Youth Council.

Good luck and we appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Brady".

Keith Brady Mayor



CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
NEWNAN YOUTH COUNCIL - PROGRAM OVERVIEW
(2014-2015)

What is the overall purpose?

- To build leadership experience and civic responsibility.
- To create a climate of public awareness and responsibility.
- To promote youth involvement in government and civic duties to become productive citizens in the future.
- To assist the citizens and youth in the city to understand effective communication, appreciate differences within the City's youth and be involved in community issues.
- To provide the means by which the City's youth can be heard and included in local government.
- To plan, sponsor, and coordinate appropriate youth programs, activities, events in the City of Newnan.

What is the structure?

- It is a youth organization sponsored by the Newnan City Council which will consist of local high school students. The Newnan Youth Activities Commission, with fourteen, council appointed, adult members, will provide support and guidance for the Newnan Youth Council.

How often does the Youth Council meet?

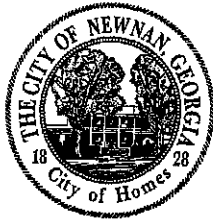
- Must attend the mandatory summer orientation training sessions on Friday and Saturday July 18th and 19th. Students must attend the two, full day, training sessions. As part of the overall two day training session, the parents must attend an orientation session with the student on Saturday afternoon July 19th.
- Meetings will generally be once a month, on the third Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. with several additional meetings for committee meetings, special projects, and miscellaneous events.

What are some examples of programs that the Youth Council might participate in?

- A trip to the State Capitol to meet elected officials representing Coweta County.
- A meeting with the Mayor and Newnan City Council to better understand the function of government.
- A community project involving local youth.
- A teen forum or workshop.
- Inspirational speakers from local government or business.

What is the overall application process?

- Students should complete the application along with two adult references and mail it in by April 18, 2014.
- Applications will be reviewed and select candidates will be interviewed during late April.
- Youth Council members will be selected and notified for in mid May before the school year ends.
- See the attached student application and adult reference forms.



CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
NEWNAN YOUTH COUNCIL STUDENT APPLICATION
(2014-2015)

Deadline for submission: Friday, April 18, 2014

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

- Submittal of this application filled out in its entirety no later than April 18, 2014.
- Have two personal reference forms submitted no later than April 18, 2014. See attached forms.
- Be presently enrolled in high school. **Applicant will be a sophomore or a junior in 2014-2015.**
- Attend the mandatory summer orientation training session on Friday and Saturday July 18th and 19th. Students must attend the two, full day, sessions and parents must attend an orientation session in the afternoon of the second day on Saturday July 19th.
- Be academically eligible to participate in school sports and extra curricular activities.
- Be free of any serious disciplinary infractions within the last six months.
- Be able to think critically and articulate thoughts and ideas.
- Have an interest in learning about government and how it functions.
- Possess potential leadership skills.
- Secure parental or guardian permission and support.

Applicant's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Other Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Current GPA: _____

School (Present): _____ Grade (present): _____

School (Next school year if different) _____

The adults, listed below as references, should be able to answer questions concerning the applicant's qualifications for a membership position on the Newnan Youth Council. One adult reference must be from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. The second adult reference must be from a civic or community leader. Please list references below. Please complete attached adult reference forms also.

1. Name _____ Relation to applicant: _____

2. Name _____ Relation to applicant: _____

Why do you wish to become a member of the Newnan Youth Council?

What programs, activities or issues would you like to see addressed by the Newnan Youth Council?

What strengths could you contribute to the Newnan Youth Council?

Please list any extracurricular activities you have been involved in.

Please list any involvement in community service or special projects.

The Newnan Youth Council generally meets the third Tuesday of each month from approximately 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. In addition, the Youth Council members will be involved in a variety of community events and committee meetings.

Based on the commitments you have already made for the upcoming school year, could you dedicate approximately 10 hours or more per month to the Newnan Youth Council?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you foresee any conflicts with the schedule? If so, what?

I, _____, verify that the information that I have included on the application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am interested in serving my community on the City of Newnan Youth Council and if selected, I will abide by all of the rules and regulations set forth by the Newnan Youth Activities Commission, and the Newnan City Council.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of _____, grant permission to my son/daughter to serve on the City of Newnan Youth Council and grant permission for him/her to participate in all activities of the Youth Council and, if selected, will assist him/her in this endeavor and further grant permission for the release of my child's grades to the Newnan Youth Activities Commission for review and evaluation.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

After completing the application form, please mail the completed form directly to:

**City of Newnan
Youth Activities Commission
P.O. Box 1193
Newnan, GA 30264
Attention: Mike Furbush**

Newnan Youth Council

Student Personal Reference Form

The City of Newnan's Youth Activities Commission is looking for select high school students who are interested in...

- Taking an active role in addressing youth issues while seeking knowledge in the operations of local municipal government;
- Building and strengthening leadership skills;
- Discussing principals of effective, efficient and fiscally responsible governance;
- Attending a City Council Meeting as scheduled by the Youth Activities Commission;
- Improving intergovernmental relations and services, and
- Serving as a **Newnan Youth Council** representative.

Prior to being considered to serve on the Newnan Youth Council, I, _____, Student's Name

am required to complete an application and obtain a personal reference from two adults. After much thought and careful consideration, I am asking if **YOU** would serve as one of my personal references.

Name of Adult Reference

Relation to student applicant

Signature

Date

Please rate the applicant on the following evaluation criteria and mail the completed form directly to:

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Please respond and mail the evaluation form **no later than Friday April 18, 2014**. The completed application can not be processed without the submittal of this evaluation form.

(Please Do **NOT** return this form to the student applicant.)

Please check the row below, for each category that best describes the student applicant.

Skills	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent	Not Observed
Leadership					
Motivation					
Initiative					
Dependability					
Academic					
Integrity					
Cooperation					
Attendance					
Punctuality					
Creativity					
Maturity					

Newnan Youth Council

Student Personal Reference Form (continued)

How long has this student been enrolled at your school? _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Please describe the student's strengths. _____

To your knowledge has this student had any history of serious conduct problems?

_____ yes no _____

If yes, please explain. _____

To your knowledge, will the student applicant be a positive addition to the activities offered by the Youth Activities Commission? _____

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