

NEWNAN YOUTH COUNCIL PROGRAM OVERVIEW (2025-2026)

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 July 18th and Saturday July 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. in addition to 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 must complete the application along with four (4) adult references and mail it in by April 18, 2025.
- Applications will be reviewed and select candidates will be interviewed during late April or early May.
- Youth Council members will be selected and notified in mid May before the school year ends.
- See the attached student application and the four (4) adult reference forms.

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
NEWNAN YOUTH COUNCIL STUDENT APPLICATION
(2025-2026)

Deadline for submission: Friday, April 18, 2025

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

- Submittal of this application filled out in its entirety no later than Friday April 18, 2025.
- Submit four (4) personal reference forms submitted no later than Friday April 18, 2025. See attached forms.
- Be presently enrolled in high school. **Applicant will be a sophomore ONLY in 2025-2026.**
- **Attend the mandatory summer orientation training session on Friday July 18th and Saturday July 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.
- Must live in Coweta County, Georgia.
- Be academically eligible to participate in school sports and extra curricular activities.
- Be free of any serious disciplinary infractions within the last twelve 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 four (4), non-parent, 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. Two unrelated adult references must be from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. The third and fourth unrelated adult references must be from the local community. Please list references below. Selected adult references should complete the attached adult reference forms.

1. Name: _____ Relation to applicant: _____

2. Name: _____ Relation to applicant: _____

3. Name: _____ Relation to applicant: _____

4. 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 or will be 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 and at least two, regularly scheduled meeting per month to the Newnan Youth Council?

Yes _____ No _____

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

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, regulations, and time requirements set forth by the Newnan Youth Council, 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. **My child will be able to attend the mandatory summer orientation training session on Friday July 18th and Saturday July 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.**

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

After completing the application form, please mail, e-mail, or hand deliver the completed form directly to:

**City of Newnan
Youth Activities Commission
P.O. Box 1193
Newnan, GA 30264
Attention: Mike Furbush
or
mfurbush@newnanga.gov**

**or
Second Floor Planning Department – Newnan City Hall
25 LaGrange Street Newnan, GA 30264**

Adult Reference Form

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