



**NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

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**SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR  
THE FIFTH ANNUAL MAYOR'S SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE**

*Young adults ages 18-24 will receive a living wage of \$15/hour and can start applying today.*

*Applications close on Friday, February 24, 2023.*

**Shelby County, TN** – The Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services is now accepting applications for the fifth annual Mayor's Summer Work Experience. Those interested can apply now at [www.shelbycountyttn.gov/mswe](http://www.shelbycountyttn.gov/mswe). Participants will work across various divisions within Shelby County Government and will be selected by a random lottery.

The program is a highly engaging eight-week summer work experience for young adults in Shelby County ages 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. The program fits those interested in a range of fields from public safety, public health, government administration, and community outreach.

As Mayor Lee Harris has secured a living wage for all Shelby County Government employees, participants of the Mayor's Summer Work Experience will also receive that same benefit. For the

second year in a row, participants will receive \$15 an hour. In addition, participants will get a \$100 bonus for perfect attendance. Those selected for the program must be available to work Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. from June 5 through July 28. Participants must also be available on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Applications are available now through Friday, February 24, 2023. Learn more and apply at [www.shelbycountyttn.gov/mswe](http://www.shelbycountyttn.gov/mswe).

**Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris:** “We are excited to continue to provide more opportunities for young people in Shelby County. I hope those interested in a career in government and public service will apply for this work experience and learn professional skills that will stay with them throughout their lives. Our young people will be the future leaders both inside and outside government. My hope is this program will inspire participants to be agents of change, excellence, and integrity. Our job is to help set them on that path.”

**Reginald Milton, Deputy Administrator of the Office of Education and Youth Services:** “When I took the role of Deputy Administrator of the Office of Education and Youth Services my goal was to be a part of more solutions to make Shelby County a thriving place for all residents. The Mayor’s Summer Work Experience does just that by providing job opportunities, a living wage, and professional development skills to our young people. I’m grateful Mayor Harris has trusted this office with the continued success of the program.”

**Dr. Bernard Williams, Coordinator of the Office of Education and Youth Services:** “I am ready to welcome the next generation of change makers to Shelby County Government. The Mayor’s Summer Work Experience is a great opportunity to get real world knowledge about working in government and public service. Some past participants later became permanent employees. The tools gained from this experience will help lay the foundation for the future.”

**Damarius Isaac, Shelby County Firefighter:** “I previously participated in the Mayor’s Summer Work Experience at the Shelby County Fire Department. That experience later turned into a full-time job. Being able to see the work the department does in real time inspired me even more to get into public service. I hope future participants will have such a positive and life-changing experience as I did.”

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