

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

YOUTH COUNCIL



Youth Council is the student leadership of the Presbytery of East Tennessee, (PET) Youth Committee. Together, students on Youth Council grow as Disciples of Christ and develop God-centered leadership skills. This prepares them for Christ centered leadership in their respective churches, Presbytery Youth ministry events, and for life. Youth Council partners with the PET Youth Committee to plan the middle and high school retreats. Leadership opportunities of a Youth Council member may include (but are not limited to) development of retreat themes and framework, planning and/or leading retreat activities, designing T-shirts, publicizing events, and leading small groups. **Youth Council is a GREAT way to serve God and others.**

New members are now being accepted for the PET Youth Council 2015-2016 year.

Each church is invite to have at least one representative on Youth Council. All churches are encouraged to have one representative on Youth Council. Churches are allowed to have additional youth council members depending on the number of youth in the church. For each ten youth (both Middle School and High School), you may have a Youth Council representative with a maximum of three youth from one church.

If you are interested in being on Youth Council, read over the commitments and qualifications page, check with your youth director and/or pastor for guidance, and then complete the application form and send it to the Youth Council Liaisons (contact info listed below.)

Applications will be accepted until **May 31, 2015**

An email notification will be sent after your application is received. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: Please send applications to: Keli Shipley; First Presbyterian Church; 620 State Street; Knoxville, TN 37902.

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Qualifications/Commitments

“Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in your speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, be an example of those who believe.”

1 Timothy 4:12

Qualifications

You must be:

- A rising Sophomore, Junior, or Senior in High School
- Actively attending a PC(USA) Church
- Available and willing to attend monthly Youth Council meetings.

Commitments

I will:

- Commit to 1 Timothy 4:12
- Attend the Middle School Fall Retreat (Sept. 25-27) and Youth Summit (Feb. 26-28, 2016)
- Attend the Youth Council monthly meetings
- Attend the Youth Council Planning Retreat and Presbytery meeting in August (Aug. 21-22)

Perks

What's in it for me?

- Develop leadership skills and God given gifts
- Opportunity to serve God and others
- Looks great on college applications and can even count as service hours
- Great opportunity to develop friendships

**PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION FORM**

NAME_____ **AGE**_____

ADDRESS_____

SCHOOL _____

GRADE_____

HOME PHONE_____ **CELL**_____

EMAIL_____

CHURCH_____

YOUTH LEADER_____

PARENT NAMES_____

I, a believer of the Most High God and member of the Body of Christ, make a one year commitment to serve on the Presbytery Youth Council.

I will make every effort to attend scheduled meetings, planning retreats, Middle School Fall Rally, and High School Youth Summit.

**YOUTH COMMITMENT
SIGNATURE**_____

**PARENT COMMITMENT
SIGNATURE**_____

YOUTH LEADER'S SIGNATURE_____

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE_____

Questions for the applicant:

Please use additional paper if necessary.

1. Why are you interested in being a representative of your church on Youth Council?

2. How do you feel you will be able to serve God, your church, and your community by being on Youth Council?

3. What do you hope to gain by being on Youth Council?

For the pastor or youth leader:

1. Describe this person's participation in the life of the congregation.

2. What would this person bring to his/her participation on Youth Council?

3. What else would you like for us to know?

