



## COMMUNITY ADVISORY

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### LAST CHANCE FOR TEENS TO UNITE IN COUNTY LEADERSHIP ROLE

**The deadline is fast approaching for new members of the Mesa County Teen Leadership Commission.**

Local students who want to get involved in improving the lives of young people in our community have a unique opportunity right now. Don't miss this chance!

Many local teenagers feel the adult decision makers in our community don't always hear what they have to say. The Mesa County Teen Leadership Commission (MCTLC) is working to change that. The MCTLC is looking for qualified 9th through 12th graders to fill several seats on the commission for the 2009-2010 school year. This is a great chance for students who are interested in government and the future of their community to get involved and acquire some valuable leadership experience.

The MCTLC advises the Board of County Commissioners and other local leaders on a number of serious issues that affect Mesa County residents—and young people in particular. These issues include: methamphetamine abuse, tobacco use and underage drinking; traffic safety; recreation opportunities for young people; and helping teens make healthy choices about food and exercise.

In addition to providing the teen perspective to organizations in our community, MCTLC members work on projects designed to improve the quality of life for Mesa County's young people. Their largest project to date has been the creation of a [Youth Activity Guide](#)—a comprehensive list of information about positive activities students can participate in during their free time, as an alternative to the more negative and dangerous options that exist.

**WE'VE EXTENDED OUR DEADLINE! Applications are now due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Mesa County teens can find [applications](#) on the county's website: [www.mesacounty.us](http://www.mesacounty.us)

(Just look under Current News and Topics)

Or call 244-1640 for more information and an application.

Members must be willing to dedicate at least 6 hours per month to serving on the commission. Interviews with county officials will follow this summer.

**\*\*FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA: If you are interested in an interview with one of our MCTLC members, please contact Jessica Peterson at 250-7320 to arrange a time.\*\***

***“Mesa County—Creating a community of opportunities for all residents with a focus on the future.”***