

Requirements for Teen Court Volunteers



- ◆ Must be between the ages of 13 and 17
- ◆ Be a student in good academic standing
- ◆ Demonstrate maturity and sensitivity
- ◆ Abide by the Dress Code Policy
- ◆ Abide by the “Oath of Confidentiality”



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Teen Court is an innovative program which allows first-time juvenile offenders, who have committed a misdemeanor crime, attend a Teen Court sentencing hearing instead of being prosecuted through the formal Juvenile Court System. What makes this program unique is that everyone in the courtroom, except the judge, are teens! Students get to participate in the roles of the attorneys, court deputy, clerk and jurors. This program is an example of how positive peer pressure can assist in correcting unlawful behavior. Brevard County Teen Court began in 1996 and in June of 1999, it was featured on America's Most Wanted as a model example for other teen court programs.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

A prosecuting attorney has the responsibility to seek justice and a sentence based on the severity of the offense committed. They will prepare a case, give an opening statement, question the defendant, and give a closing argument to the jury providing reasons for their recommended sentence.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY

A defense attorney represents the client. They will prepare a case, give an opening statement, question the defendant, object to any questioning by the prosecuting attorney and present a closing argument.

JURY MEMBER

Jury duty is a privilege and a serious responsibility. They are required to base their verdict on the evidence presented in court. The sentence should be designed to hold the defendants responsible for their actions. Jurors must be able to treat each case individually and without prejudice. They must also perform honestly, without fear or favor.

COURT DEPUTY

The primary duties are to assist the judge and maintain order in the courtroom at all times. They will also escort the jury to and from the deliberation room.

COURT CLERK

The clerk is responsible for recording the action taken by the court. They also swear in the defendant and the jury panel.

BENEFITS OF TEEN COURT:

- ◆ GAIN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
- ◆ NETWORK WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
- ◆ LOOKS GREAT ON RESUME OR APPLICATION
- ◆ RECEIVE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
- ◆ PRACTICE PROFESSIONALISM FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER
- ◆ DEVELOP STRONG INTERPERSONAL SKILLS
- ◆ MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

For an application, dress code and schedule, please visit our website:

www.sa18.org

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"I've volunteered with other places before... nothing compares to the hands-on experience you get with Teen Court!"

-Jessica, age 15