

WOOD COUNTY TEEN COURT

JUSTICE FOR TEENS BY TEENS

Looking for unique volunteer opportunities?

Teen Court is an excellent way to volunteer and meet new people!

Member of a club or group that requires service hours?

Teen Court is a way to give back to the community and earn service hours.

Interested in law or the justice system?

Teen Court incorporates real life court cases to teach aspects of juvenile law. Teen Court members alternate roles as Prosecutor, Teen Defense, Jury members, Bailiff and Jury Foreman.

Applying for a job or college?

Teen Court promotes networking for future professional references and is a great resume builder.



Overview

Teen Court is an innovative alternative to traditional juvenile court proceedings for first-time nonviolent offenders. It is designed to promote values of justice, fairness, and safety in the lives of adolescents. Teen Court intends to help other teens accept responsibility for their actions and holds them accountable for their behavior. In addition, Teen Court seeks to provide youth with better decision making skills to avoid further contact with the Juvenile Court System.

Teen Court is made up of selected teens from all over Wood County. Teen Court consists of a Teen Prosecutor, Teen Defense, Jury members, Bailiff and Jury Foreman, with an adult hearing officer presiding.

Representatives from the Wood County Prosecutor's Office will choose individuals, based on applications and interviews, from Wood County to serve as members of the Teen Court. Those selected will be notified of the details regarding their term.

Eligibility Requirements

- ☐ 2.5 GPA
- ☐ Sophomore, Junior, or Senior status (2018-2019 school year)
- ☐ Must Submit:
 - o Resume
 - o Application
 - o Recommendation Form
 - o Waiver, Release, and Consent Agreement

If you have any questions, please contact Brandy Hartman at (419) 354-9250.
Please submit your application packet and resume no later than **December 14, 2018** to:

Wood County Prosecutor's Office, Attn: Brandy Hartman
One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Teen Court Calendar: Winter/Spring 2019

Teen Court meets twice per month throughout each six-month term.* One meeting each month is an Enhancement Meeting designed to promote group cohesion and service learning while the other meeting held during the month is the actual Courtroom Session. Below you will find a schedule of the upcoming term. **Teen Court members are required to make a commitment to attend each meeting during their selected time of service.** It is the responsibility of Teen Court members to provide or arrange transportation to and from Teen Court.

The Teen Court winter/spring term selection process will consist of an application review and an interview. Applicants selected for interviews will be contacted by December 21st at the latest in order to schedule their interviews. Interviews will take place December 19th – December 28th. Each applicant will be contacted regarding a decision via e-mail on or before January 3rd.

Training | January 5, 2019 | 9:00am-3:30pm | Juvenile Court

Enhancement | January 16, 2019 | 4:00pm-7:00pm | Prosecutor's Office

Teen Court | January 30, 2019 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | Juvenile Court

Enhancement | February 13, 2019 | 4:00pm-7:00pm | Prosecutor's Office

Teen Court | February 27, 2019 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | Juvenile Court

Enhancement | March 13, 2019 | 4:00pm-7:00pm | Prosecutor's Office

Teen Court | March 27, 2019 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | Juvenile Court

Enhancement | April 10, 2019 | 4:00pm-7:00pm | Prosecutor's Office

Teen Court | April 24, 2019 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | Juvenile Court

Enhancement | May 15, 2019 | 4:00pm-7:00pm | Prosecutor's Office

Teen Court | May 29, 2019 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | Juvenile Court

Ceremony | June 12, 2019 | 6:00pm-7:30pm | Juvenile Court

* Please keep in mind Teen Court members may also participate in fundraising events, service opportunities and social events that will also be scheduled outside of the above dates.

Teen Court Member Application – Demographic Information

Please submit your application and resume no later than December 14, 2018 to:
Wood County Prosecutor's Office, Attention: Brandy Hartman
One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Name: _____ Gender: _____ Birthday: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's phone #: _____ Applicant's phone #: _____

Facebook Name: _____ Twitter Handle: _____ Instagram Name: _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

What school do you attend? _____

Grade Level: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Have you ever been adjudicated a delinquent child? Yes No

If yes, on what charge? _____

Have you ever come in contact with or had any experiences with any law enforcement agency or the court system? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been the victim of a crime? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

List any relatives employed by the Wood County Prosecutor's Office or the Wood County Juvenile Court:

Name	Department	Relationship
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Teen Court Member Application – Reference Form

Educational Reference:

Please list one educational reference that is either a teacher or a school administrator.

Name: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Years known: _____

Community Reference:

Please list one community reference that is someone over twenty-one years of age and not a relative.

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Years known: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Years known: _____

I, _____, hereby certify that the facts contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that falsified or misleading information may result in removal from Teen Court.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I, _____, hereby give permission for my child to fully participate in the Wood County Prosecutor's Teen Court.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Teen Court Member Application – Questions

What types of activities are you involved in, both inside and outside of school?

Do you have a job? No Yes Where? _____ Hours per week: _____

What are your educational or career plans after graduation? _____

Teen Court training, enhancements and sessions are mandatory. Can you think of any reason that may cause you to miss your Teen Court obligations? _____

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Teen Court Member Application – Questions Continued

Please explain why you wish to participate in Teen Court as well as how your participation in Teen Court would be beneficial to the program, the community and the defendants involved.

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Teen Court Member Application – Waiver, Release, and Consent Agreement

Wood County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Teen Court

_____, [Teen Court Applicant], hereafter referred to as "the Applicant", does hereby state that he/she wishes to participate in the Teen Court with the Wood County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

I, _____ [parent/legal guardian], state that I am the parent or legal guardian of the Applicant whose name appears above. I understand and acknowledge that the Applicant's participation is wholly voluntary and, on behalf of myself and the Applicant, I give my consent for the Applicant to participate in the Teen Court Program.

In consideration of the Applicant being considered for participation in the Teen Court Program, I agree and acknowledge, on behalf of myself and the Applicant, as follows:

1. I, individually and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representatives hereby release, acquit, and forever discharge Wood County, the Wood County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and the Wood County Juvenile Court and their collective employees, interns, agents, servants, officers, officials, and representatives, in their official and individual capacities, from any and all liability whatsoever, for any and all damages, losses or injuries, including death, to persons or property or both including, but not limited to, any claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, damages, costs, expenses and/or attorney fees which arise out of, occur during, or result from the Applicant's participation in the Teen Court Program.
2. I hereby acknowledge that through the Teen Court Program, the Applicant will be privy to confidential and private information regarding juvenile or criminal investigations, activities, and records. I understand and acknowledge that this information is confidential and agree to keep such information confidential and private and enforce this confidentiality and privacy requirement on the Applicant during the Teen Court Program and at all times thereafter.
3. I grant the Wood County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Wood County Juvenile Court the unrestricted right and permission to use or publish any film or digital photographs, motion picture footage or audio recordings of the Applicant or any material in which the Applicant may appear in all forms of media (including printed materials) for promotional purposes and relinquish any right to inspection of the material prior to its use.
4. In signing this waiver, release, and consent agreement, I hereby acknowledge and represent that I have read this entire document, that I understand its terms and provisions, and that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily. I further understand that the terms and conditions of this waiver, release, and consent agreement apply to the Applicant and to myself.

Parent/Legal Guardian:

Signature

Date

Print Name: _____

Teen Court Applicant:

Signature

Date

Print Name: _____

Teen Court Member Application – Recommendation Form

Teen Court Applicant's Name: _____

Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please rate the Teen Court Applicant in the following areas:

Public speaking ability	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Responsibility/Dependability	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Judgment	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Leadership ability	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Ability to work well with others	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Understanding of Confidentiality	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Maturity	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent

Why would you recommend this applicant for Teen Court? _____

Do you have any reservations about the applicant's suitability for serving on Teen Court? Explain.

Additional Comments: _____

Please indicate your overall judgment about this applicant:

- ☐ Very highly recommended. An outstanding Teen who will do extremely well serving on Teen Court.
- ☐ Highly recommended. A very good Teen who will be successful serving on Teen Court.
- ☐ Recommended. A good Teen who will participate effectively serving on Teen Court.
- ☐ Recommended with reservations. A good Teen, but he/she may present some problems.
- ☐ I do not recommend this student.

Signature _____

Date _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this applicant's recommendation form for Wood County Teen Court.

Your input is very important to the application process. We appreciate your time.

For confidentiality purposes, please feel free to return to applicant in a sealed envelope or e-mail this form to bhartman@co.wood.oh.us. This form is due no later than December 14, 2018.