



Administrative Office of the Courts

The Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida

2017-2018 Pasco Teen Court Application

New Port Richey Dade City

Returning Teen Court Volunteer: Yes No

Name: _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (ZIP)

Home Phone#: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____

Email address: _____ **(Optional, Teen Court reminders and updates will be sent by email.)**

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____ Male Female

School: _____ Grade: ____

Areas of Interest: Prosecution Defense Court Clerk Juror Bailiff
(You are **not** limited to your areas of interest)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Phone # _____

In Case of Emergency Notify: _____ Phone #: _____
(Name - Relationship)

Have you previously been involved, as a defendant, in a Juvenile Arbitration/Teen Court and/or Court Program? _____. When? _____.

Explain why you would like to volunteer for the Teen Court Program: _____

Please list any employment, sports or other activities you are participating in this year. Will these activities conflict with Teen Court on: Wednesday evenings at the New Port Richey Judicial Center and/or Tuesday evenings at the Dade City Courthouse

RULES OF TEEN COURT

****DRESS CODE:** Proper business attire is to be worn at every Teen Court Hearing. Attire must be neat and conservative. The following are unacceptable attire for Teen Court Jeans, shorts, capris, sleeveless tops, tank tops, low cut tops, miniskirts, T-shirts, hats, flip flops, sandals or sneakers.

1. Completed application packets must be turned into the Teacher Liaison at your school prior to attending any Teen Court hearing. **If you are not aware of whom the assigned Teacher Liaison is, please contact the Teen Court Program at 727-847-8915.**
2. Confidentiality is required by Florida Statute 985.04. All Teen Court records and hearings are confidential.
3. A 2.0 Grade Point Average must be maintained to participate in Teen Court.
4. Must attend a minimum of one (1) Teen Court hearing session per month.
5. There can be no disciplinary referrals in the last year on your school record.
6. Promptness - sign-in is 4:30 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. - tardiness will not be accepted unless you have an emergency or have previously notified the Teen Court Coordinator. You must volunteer until hearings are completed for the evening (approximately 7:30 p.m.).
7. Courtesy, maturity and respect are to be applied towards ALL Teen Court Participants.
8. Be serious about Teen Court at all times and businesslike in your conduct.
9. Courtroom demeanor is to be maintained at all times.
10. No socializing with the defendant(s) during Teen Court or while defendant(s) is completing the Teen Court program.
11. No food, drinks or gum allowed in the courtroom. All cell phones ringers must be turned off and no using the phone in the courtroom.
12. Must be alert, attentive and enthusiastic in your work during Teen Court sessions!

If I am accepted as a member of Teen Court, I understand I will receive an electronic copy of The Teen Court Volunteer Manual setting out further the policies and procedures of Teen Court. I also understand that a hard copy of the manual can be provided to me if requested. I understand that by signing this form I agree to abide by the Rules of Teen Court. Failure to abide by this agreement could result in my dismissal from Teen Court.

Student Volunteer (print name)

Date

Student Signature

Date

CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

AS VOLUNTEERS, YOUR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE TEEN COURT PROGRAM IS DETERMINED BY YOUR ADHERENCE TO THE MOST RIGID STANDARDS OF CONFIDENTIALITY. THEREFORE, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS.

1. When you begin your participation in Teen Court you may have access to various case files and other pertinent records. These may never be copied or in any way removed from the office except as needed for hearings.

2. As a Teen Court volunteer you are not to discuss cases with anyone! Teen Court proceedings are not open to the public. You WILL NOT divulge any information that comes to your knowledge in the course of a Teen Court hearing.

3. I (we) have read the above and hereby acknowledge that I (we) understand that in all matters relating to juveniles within the jurisdiction of the Teen Court Program, confidentiality is paramount and breaking confidentiality is an illegal act, pursuant to Florida Statute 985.04, and agree to be bound by its terms.

Parent Name (please print)

Student Volunteer (please print)

Signature of Parent

Signature of Student Volunteer

Date

Date

RELEASE

In consideration of the right to have my child participate in the Teen Court Program, whether or not on or about the premises known as **West Pasco Judicial Center/Dade City Courthouse**, I, _____, as parent or legal guardian of _____, do hereby release, discharge, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify all agencies and their personnel participating in the program including the Office of the State Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, the Clerk's Office, and all police agencies, the Board of County Commissioners, the Pasco County School Board, the Sixth Judicial Circuit and its' employees, against any and all claims, suites, liabilities, judgments, demands, obligations, damages, losses, injuries, both bodily and propriety, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, whether the foregoing, including attorneys' fees, occur before or after the initiation of any way whatsoever to my child's participation in Teen Court on or about the premises, by indemnities' agents, employees, directors, or a member of the public, whether or not said act or omission is within the scope of the above-mentioned participation.

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that School Activity Insurance or Family Insurance has been purchased for my child, and that procurement of said insurance is a condition of participation in the Teen Court Program.

The undersigned has read and voluntarily signs this release, hold harmless and indemnity agreement, and further acknowledges that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Parent/Guardian

Date