



TEEN COURT GUIDELINES

Overview: Participates will hold the role of all court personnel from Judge, jury, clerk, bailiff, and Solicitor on a rotation basis. Therefore, applicants must demonstrate an ability to treat each case individually, with objectivity and without prejudice. Applicants must have an ability to communicate with their peers, work in a group of their peers and be able to maintain confidentiality.

Qualifications: Participates must be a student currently in the 10th -12th grade within the South Fulton County area or be a college freshman in the metro Atlanta area. They must be in good academic standing and have a **3.0 or better GPA**.

Training: Participants selected for the program will be required to attend a full day “**mandatory**” training on a Saturday. Completion of the training program will award applicants privileges of being a Teen Court Participate.

Participation Requirements:

- Participates will only be allowed 2 absences from Court during the 23-24 Teen Court season.
- Participates must follow the Teen Court guidelines, maintain confidentiality, treat all participants with respect, and follow the court rules.
- All participates must listen objectively during the hearing and assign a constructive sentence designed to hold the defendants responsible for his or her actions, accountable to the community and the victim.
- All participates must arrive on time, dress professionally, ensure confidentiality, be dependable, and exhibit professionalism at all times.
- Participates must commit to serve one Wednesday a month from September to April. Teen Court hearings will last approximately two hours beginning at 6:30 pm. Participates will meet at 5:00 pm for dinner and case reviews.

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CONSENT AND RELEASE

Photography Consent: As a parent/guardian of this student, I hereby consent to the use of photography/videotape taken during any time spent with Union City Municipal Court Teen Court for publicity, promotional, and/or educational purposes (including publications, presentations or broadcast via newspaper, internet or other media sources). I do this with full knowledge and consent and waive all claims for compensation for use or for damages.

___ Yes, I give consent for Union City Municipal Court Teen Court to photograph my child for organizational purposes and/or at program events.

___ No, I do not authorize Union City Municipal Court Teen Court to photograph my child for any event. I have read and understand the above information about the program for which I apply.

Applicants signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____ Date: _____