

# 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, Baliff 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 (2017-2018 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 20, 2017** to:

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

## teen court calendar: winter | spring 2018

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 28<sup>th</sup> at the latest in order to schedule their interviews. Interviews will take place December 29<sup>th</sup> - January 5<sup>th</sup>. Each applicant will be contacted regarding a decision via e-mail on or before January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Training** | January 13, 2018 | 9:00am-3:30pm | Juvenile Court

**Enhancement** | January 17, 2018 | 4:00pm-7:00pm | Prosecutor's Office

**Teen Court** | January 24, 2018 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | Juvenile Court

**Enhancement** | February 14, 2018 | 4:00pm-7:00pm | Prosecutor's Office

**Teen Court** | February 28, 2018 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | Juvenile Court

**Enhancement** | March 14, 2018 | 4:00pm-7:00pm | Prosecutor's Office

**Teen Court** | March 28, 2018 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | Juvenile Court

**Enhancement** | April 11, 2018 | 4:00pm-7:00pm | Prosecutor's Office

**Teen Court** | April 25, 2018 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | Juvenile Court

**Enhancement** | May 16, 2018 | 4:00pm-7:00pm | Prosecutor's Office

**Teen Court** | May 30, 2018 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | Juvenile Court

**Ceremony** | June 13, 2018 | 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 20, 2017 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Years known: \_\_\_\_\_

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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?

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

What are your educational or career plans after graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

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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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It is the goal of Teen Court to promote restorative justice; a theory of justice that emphasizes repairing harm caused by criminal behavior. Please explain what this means to you and why it is important.

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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](mailto:bhartman@co.wood.oh.us). This form is due no later than December 20, 2017.**

