

Teen Court of Broward Co. Volunteer Application 2026-2027



Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida
Court Mediation & Arbitration Program
Broward County Courthouse
201 SE 6th Street, Rm 19150, Fort Lauderdale, FL
33301
Phone: 954-831-7600 * Fax: 954-831-7666

Student Information – Please type or print clearly (blue or black ink)

Volunteer's Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Home Phone	
Mobile Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Date of Birth	
School Attending	
Current Grade & GPA	

Parent / Guardian Contact Information

Name(s)	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
Additional Contact Person In Case of Emergency:	Name Phone

Location – Please select your preferred location for volunteering

Please note that there are a limited number of openings at each location. If all positions are full, you will be contacted and offered the opportunity to volunteer at a different location and/or be placed on a waiting list for your desired location. **The Central location are for digital hearing and has a very limited amount of volunteers to be accepted.**

☐ Fort Lauderdale/ Central	201 SE 6 th Street, Fort Lauderdale	Once a month on Wednesdays
☐ West / Plantation	100 N. Pine Island Road, Room 240	Once a month on Wednesdays
☐ South / Hollywood	3550 Hollywood Blvd., Room 100B	Once a month on Wednesdays
☐ North / Deerfield Beach	1600 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Room 130	Once a month on Wednesdays

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I am willing to perform all of the Teen Court roles (Clerk, Bailiff/Deputy, Advocate, Jury, etc.)
☐ I am willing to participate at the selected location from 4:30 – 6:30 PM on the assigned day
☐ I have read the "Dress Code" and "Rules of Conduct" sections of this application and I agree to follow them

More Information

Have you ever worked as a volunteer? If yes When and Where _____

How did you hear about Teen Court? _____

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Parental Consent Form

Volunteer's Name

Teen Court Proceedings

The Teen Court Program is designed to be a positive experience for everyone. As a volunteer, your child will have an opportunity to be a role model for other teens. The program uses positive peer pressure as a means of teaching others to learn from their poor choices. Sentencing hearings are held in an actual courtroom at one of the Broward County Courthouses. The process is structured, educational, and although serious, should be enjoyable for all participants. This also means that there is an expected amount of responsibility. You, as a parent, are expected to review the rules with your child and ensure that they understand these rules. Failure to comply with any of the Teen Court Rules could result in dismissal from the program.

Transportation and Emergency Contact Number(s)

Please review the phone numbers you have listed on page 1 of this application. Your child needs to know how and where to contact you (or another responsible adult) if the need arises. If court ends early, your child will be instructed to call you for an early pickup. In all cases, you are expected to have transportation arranged **IN ADVANCE** and **AVAILABLE BY 6:30 PM**. Please be aware that Teen Court staff members cannot provide extended supervision for any students who are not picked up in a timely fashion after court proceedings are finished.

Ultimately, your child is responsible for following your directions on how to safely get to/from Teen Court. Typically, what method(s) of transportation will your child use to get to/from Teen Court?

- ☐ An adult will drive him/her
- ☐ He/she will walk, ride a bicycle, or take the bus
- ☐ My child is authorized to use a ride-sharing service (Uber, Lyft, etc.)
- ☐ My child has a valid drivers' license and will drive to Teen Court on his/her own

Publication Release

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) / guardian(s) of above listed volunteer, a minor who is participating in the Teen Court Program, hereby acknowledge that the proceedings may be recorded on video tape that may be aired or published by television stations in various parts of the United States. I/We specifically agree and consent to such recording and publications; and by this consent, release Teen Court and all other participants from any and all claims, demands or liabilities arising out of such recording and publication.

X _____ X _____
Volunteer's Signature Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Teen Court Dress Code

NEAT AND CONSERVATIVE DRESS IS A REQUIREMENT

All pants must be worn at the waist. No holes in pants of any kind. No shorts of any length.
No sports jerseys or concert T-shirts. No inappropriate lettering or illustrations on T-shirts.
No sleeveless shirts, tank tops, or muscle shirts. No midriff shirts. No mini-skirts.
No sunglasses. No sandals, or flip-flops. No headgear, such as hats, caps, bandanas, doo rags, etc.
Personal presentation will be strictly enforced for all participants in the Teen Court Program. Your child will be dismissed if he/she is not in compliance with the dress code and no credit will be given for their attendance.

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Parental Consent Form, continued

Volunteer's Name

Teen Court Rules of Conduct

- Arrive by 4:30 PM. All participants must be on time in order to participate. Allow extra time for security screening.
- It is mandatory to be picked up or have a method of transportation available by 6:30 PM.
- Courthouse security does not allow access to the building once the proceedings have ended. Typically, staff members prefer not to leave anyone unattended while waiting for a ride. Supervision is not provided after 7:00 PM unless court proceedings run late. If punctual transportation should become a problem, your child will not be allowed to participate in Teen Court.
- Strict adherence to the Teen Court Dress Code is required.
- No gum, food, or drink is allowed in the courtroom.
- Cell phones must be turned OFF while in the courtroom and cannot be used without permission. No technological devices are allowed in the courtroom, such as iPods, MP3 players, hand-held games, etc.
- No tobacco products or any illegal objects are allowed. Keep in mind that you are in a courthouse and will need to pass through a security checkpoint upon entering. Weapons, mace, or pepper spray are never allowed. Nail clippers, scissors, chains, any spiked or sharp objects may be confiscated by courthouse security.
- Maintain the Oath of Confidentiality. Other than during the deliberation process for a particular case, you should not disclose, discuss, or compare any information you hear while participating in Teen Court.
- You must behave in a professional manner at all times. Laughing or talking while court is in session is not tolerated. Remember, the cases are real people and real families who must abide by your decision. The verdict you render is legal and binding by the Florida Judicial Circuit, therefore, it is important that you act appropriately and take this responsibility very seriously.
- Be free of bias or prejudice towards any person's age, race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability. Your job is to render a verdict that will help the defendant learn from his or her choices and not merely be punitive.
- Follow all directions given by the Teen Court Staff. Be sure to contact a staff member if you have any questions, concerns, or are uncertain about something.

Acceptance and Signature

YES NO

Have you and your child read and discussed the Teen Court Rules?

Do you and your child understand and accept the Teen Court Rules?

Are all application questions answered and did you sign in the required locations?

X _____
Volunteer's Signature

X _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Submit completed application to via US mail, fax, or email to Najwa Torres at
ntorres@17th.flcourts.org