

What is Teen Court?

Teen Court is a nationally acclaimed diversion program designed to divert less serious misdemeanor offenders, between the ages of 10-17, away from the more formal juvenile court. Specially trained teenagers fill the roles of mock prosecutors, defense attorneys, bailiffs and jurors. Along with an adult volunteer Judge, this group of peer jurors formulates a sentence for the defendant to complete in exchange for the dismissal of the misdemeanor charge. Utilizing the principles of Restorative Justice, Teen Court aims to provide the defendants with the opportunity to accept responsibility for their actions by completing sanctions that are designed to be constructive and rehabilitative, seeking to repair the harm done to the victims and to the community.

Teen Court attempts to interrupt developing patterns of criminal behavior by providing an opportunity to accept responsibility for unlawful behavior while increasing self-esteem and a healthy attitude towards authority.

Be a Volunteer!

Teen Court would not exist without our wonderful volunteers! Why would YOU want to volunteer? The answer is simple. Volunteers earn quality community service hours that can enhance college applications. They can also gain first-hand experience of the judicial system. Experienced adult attorneys and judges provide training and mentoring as well as networking opportunities. Teens are able to develop public speaking and critical thinking skills while making a real difference in the community.



To learn more about the variety of volunteer roles with Teen Court, contact Teen Court at (904) 255-1030.

Dress Code

Please dress appropriately. This is an official court proceeding. Acceptable clothing options include: dress pants, khaki pants, collared shirts, tie, dresses or skirts (knee-length or longer), shirts or blouses that cover appropriately.

No shorts, jeans, fitted clothing, hats, tennis shoes, stilettos, flip-flops, capris, t-shirts, spaghetti straps, tube tops, baggy clothing or clothing with obscene logos. Shirts must be tucked in.

No food, drinks or chewing gum allowed.



When & Where is Teen Court?

Teen Court is held on
specific Monday evenings at
the Duval County Courthouse
located at 501 West Adams
Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Volunteers should arrive by
4:00 pm. Court starts promptly
at 4:30 pm.



Professional dress attire
is required.



CONTACT US TODAY!

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