



VOLUSIA COUNTY TEEN COURT

What Is Teen Court?

Teen Court is a nationally acclaimed program designed to divert less serious cases away from the formal juvenile court process. Teen Court is based on the premise that youthful offenders will more readily accept responsibility for their actions when judged and sentenced by their peers.

The Teen Court process provides:

- A structured environment where the words and actions of defendants who admit their guilt are evaluated and judged by a jury of their peers.
- The opportunity for defendants to accept responsibility for their actions by fulfilling the jury's sentence, which is designed to be constructive and rehabilitative.

How Does It Work?

A Teen Jury will decide the sanctions for defendants, which include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Community Service
 - ▶ Counseling Sessions
 - ▶ Jury Duty
 - ▶ Online Substance Abuse Course
 - ▶ Letters of Apology
 - ▶ Anger Management Classes
- Defendants generally have 60 to 90 days from their trial date to complete sanctions.
 - If a defendant does not complete program requirements, his or her case will be processed through the juvenile justice system—which may result in a court appearance.
 - If the defendant successfully completes his or her sanctions, he or she will avoid a conviction on his or her record.



Train To Be A...

- ✓ Defense/Prosecuting Attorney
- ✓ Juror
- ✓ Bailiff
- ✓ Clerk

As a volunteer, you will learn the functions and responsibilities of the positions listed above while simultaneously earning service hours for the time you spent with us.

Volunteer Requirements

- Middle and High School Students
- Be in satisfactory academic standing
- Respect the Oath of Confidentiality
- Demonstrate maturity and sensitivity
- Comply with a dress code (business casual)
- Meet the requirements of the Teen Court agreement

What's In It For You?

- Volunteer hours towards various high school honor programs such as : IB, AP, Bright Futures, Graduation Requirements, National Junior Honor Society, etc.
- Pre-Law Academy hours
- Recommendation Letters for College
- Public Speaking Experience

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Teen Court sessions are held on Mondays in DeLand and Tuesdays in Daytona Beach. For further information reach out to the Teen Court office.