

Wylie Teen Court Juror Application

What is Teen Court?

Teen Court is a specially designed court that hears certain Class C misdemeanor cases filed in the Wylie Municipal Court. This program is an option for juvenile offenders to keep these violations from appearing on his/her driving or criminal record. Teen Court programs have proven to be effective in reducing the number of teen repeat offenders by making youth accountable for their actions and by providing them with a positive peer group. Teen Court also teaches teens about the judicial process through first hand experiences.

What is my role as a Teen Court Juror?

Juvenile offenders will appear in Teen Court with his/her parent or guardian. Teen Court Defense and Prosecuting Attorneys will explain the facts of the case to a panel of 6 Teen Court Jurors. The Teen Court Jurors will hear both attorneys ask the juvenile offender questions regarding his/her case. After hearing all of the evidence presented, the panel of Teen Court Jurors will deliberate and then determine the appropriate sentencing. There is a set of guidelines to follow for sentencing that will always consist of community service and may include participation in educational programs or other state mandated programs.

How do I apply?

The Teen Court Program is currently seeking teens ages 14 to 18, who attend high school in Wylie, TX to serve as Teen Court Jurors. Volunteers must maintain a C average in all classes, have parent consent, and remain drug and alcohol free. If you are interested please fill out the attached application and return it to **Juvenile Case Manager Katonya Johnson** at the address below by mail, email, or in person. Please see the calendar posted online for the scheduled Teen Court Dockets and corresponding juror signup deadlines for the 2016-2017 school year. We are limited to the number of jurors who can participate at each Teen Court Docket. If selected, you will be notified by phone or email. If you are not selected, you still have an opportunity to participate at the next scheduled docket. You will not be required to submit another application, simply contact Katonya Johnson for the next Teen Court Docket that juror spots are available. Volunteers will be given volunteer credit for participation.

*****SEE POSTED CALENDAR FOR APPLICATION/SIGN-UP DEADLINES***
(1st weekday of the month, the month prior the scheduled Teen Court Docket.)**

*****APPLICATIONS/SIGN-UPS WILL BE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE*****

**Wylie Municipal Court
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NAME: _____ DATE: _____

PHONE #: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE LEVEL: _____ GPA: _____

Will you be able to serve as a jury member on a Wednesday night? Teen Court dockets occur once every other month on the 2nd Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Yes _____ No _____

I understand that if selected to participate in the Wylie Teen Court program that I will conduct myself in a professional manner. I also understand that any information provided in the course of a Teen Court Session, including names and details of the case, must be kept confidential.

Volunteer Signature

Date

My child and I have discussed the Wylie Teen Court Program. I support his/her application to participate as a Teen Court Volunteer.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

NOTE: The Wylie Teen Court program requires strict confidentiality and calls for the protection of privacy of the defendants, jury members and teen attorneys involved in the program. In accordance with this, we ask that you do not divulge the identity of defendants, their family members or any information disclosed to you while you are a member of the Teen Court Program. By signing this application, you agree to abide by the rules of confidentiality if you are accepted as a Teen Court juror.

Please return this application & statement of interest to:

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