

Wylie Teen Court Attorney 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 a violation from appearing on his/her driving or criminal record. Juveniles who are approved to participate in Teen Court by the Municipal Court Judge, will enter a plea of guilty or no contest and will have their sentence determined by a jury of their peers at Teen Court.

What role will I have as a Teen Attorney?

As a Teen Attorney, you will act as either the prosecutor or the defense attorney. In both scenarios you will argue which sentence the jury should determine, question witnesses and make opening and closing statements during the hearing. After hearing all of the evidence presented, the Teen Court Jurors will deliberate and then determine the appropriate sentencing. Sentencing will include community service hours based on guidelines set by the Municipal Court Judge, a mandatory jury term, and may also include participation in education programs or other state-mandated programs such as a driver's safety class or an alcohol awareness class.

What are the benefits of Teen Court?

Teen Court programs have been 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 firsthand experiences.

Qualifications to apply

To be considered as a Teen Attorney, you must be at least 15 years old and enrolled in High School. Teen Court meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. You must be able to commit to the Teen Court schedule for at least one school year and attend the Teen Attorney Training session on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

*******Application Deadline MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020*******

Return this application by mail, in person or by email to:

**Alex Ocanas, Juvenile Case Manager
Wylie Municipal Court
300 Country Club Road
Wylie, TX 75098
972-429-8085
alex.ocanas@wylietexas.gov**

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If selected as an attorney, you will be expected to commit your time to the Teen Court program and attend the regular scheduled sessions.

Name : _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Male:___ Female:___

Email address: _____

Parent Name(s): _____ Parent Phone : _____

School: _____ Grade Level: 9th:___ 10th:___ 11th:___ 12th:___

Please explain why you wish to serve as a Teen Court Attorney. Also, list any information (including any extracurricular activities) that you would like us to know about you during the consideration of your application.

Will you be able to be able to attend the Teen Attorney Training scheduled on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Yes _____ No _____

Will you be able to serve for at least one school calendar year including the following summer months? Teen Court dockets occur once every month on the 2nd Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Yes _____ No _____

My child and I have discussed the Wylie Teen Court Program. I support his/her application to participate as a Teen Court Volunteer. We both understand that acceptance into the program is contingent upon selection after the Teen Attorney Training. We further understand that he/she will conduct him/herself in a professional manner at all times while participating as a Teen Attorney.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date