



PARKER TEEN COURT
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APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

NAME: _____

D.O.B: _____ AGE: _____

PHONE: _____ ALT. PHONE: _____

EMAIL: (no school email) _____

CELL: _____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____ Emer. #: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL: _____

Extra-Curricular activities: _____

List any experience you have with public speaking, mock trials or debate: _____

How did you learn about Teen Court? Sibling School Friend Newspaper Court Other

Please describe why you would like to participate in Teen Court: _____

I'm interested in training for: Attorney____ Juror____ Bailiff____

Future Career Goals: _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE

It is understood and agreed that the undersigned Teen Court Participant will perform solely as an individual on a voluntary basis and not as an employee, contractor, or agent of the Town of Parker and will not receive any benefits or compensation except as specifically provided for in the Agreement.

It is further agreed that the undersigned do hereby and forever release, acquit, discharge, indemnify, and covenant to hold harmless, the Town of Parker, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, liability, demands, damages, costs, losses of service, medical expenses, and compensation, on account of, or in any way growing out of any and all known and unknown personal injuries, property damage, or any other type of damage, which the undersigned may hereinafter have, individually and/or as parent, guardian, or custodian of said minor, resulting or growing out of participation in or observation of the Teen Court Program.

I, the undersigned, give my permission for the Town of Parker or any other media or press outlet to video tape, photograph, or interview me as a result of my participation in or observation of Teen Court. Furthermore, I give permission for these organizations to use any such tape, photo, or interview without limitation as to time, manner, or frequency. I hereby waive any right to compensation for any such use.

In making this Agreement, I rely wholly upon my judgment, belief, and knowledge and have not been influenced to any extent whatsoever by any representations or statements not contained in this agreement.

Teen Court Participant's signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Parent / Guardian's signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Please print parent's name: _____

WEBSITE RELEASE FORM

The members of the Parker Teen Court participate in a number of in-house and community activities and sometimes publish pictures of those activities on the Town of Parker sponsored website. This form permits us to use pictures that may include the image of this applicant.

The form must be signed and dated by a parent.

I **grant permission for my child**, _____, to be photographed by the Parker Teen Court. In addition, I grant permission for photos that include my child to be posted on the Parker Teen Court website, in publications and all other marketing materials produced by the Town of Parker.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

GENERAL LEGAL TRAINING

The participant must recognize that General Legal Training is the only mandatory training for Parker Teen Court and must be completed during their first year involved with Teen Court. General Legal training typically takes place in the month of February every year; however, this is not always the case and may change depending on scheduling availability. Failure to complete General Legal training will result in the participant not being able to participate in Teen Court.

Printed Name: _____

OATH OF CONFIDENTIALITY

“I solemnly swear that I will not divulge, either by words, signs, or online social media use, any information about actual cases which comes to my knowledge in the course of a Teen Court presentation, and that I will keep secret all said proceedings which may be held in my presence or in which I may take part.”

“Further, I understand that if I break confidentiality by telling anyone else the names of Teen Court defendants or specific details of the case, which may identify that juvenile, I will no longer be able to serve as a Teen Court participant.”

Note: All events and dialogue that occur in the Teen Court courtroom are to remain confidential. This mirrors Juvenile Court; the respondents are guaranteed confidentiality. We are requested to uphold this standard in all Teen Court proceedings. Each of us will be held accountable in fulfilling this oath, not only to the respondents, but also to the integrity of the Teen Court proceedings.

I understand the importance of fulfilling the Teen Court duties in a mature responsible manner and am willing to serve to the best of my ability.

I promise to give my full and undivided attention to the Court and take my responsibility as a participant in Teen Court seriously. Furthermore, I understand that as a member of Parker Teen Court I now represent the Town of Parker in my actions and conduct. Therefore, I promise to notify the Coordinator in the event that I am legally charged with a crime, with the exception of a traffic violation, and/or suspended or expelled from school.

Name (please print)

Date

DRESS CODE

Dress Code: Business Casual is the idea. Unless you are practicing as an attorney, you do not necessarily have to be in a business suit, dress or skirt. My expectations are that you are dressed

in a manner that shows respect for the event and for the defendant that is coming through Teen Court. How you dress says a lot about you so make sure that it's stating something positive. There are Teen Court shirts in my office that are free to you to take with you. You are welcome to wear these to Teen Court events (it's not required though). This is your warning. If you come to any Teen Court event dressed inappropriately, you will be asked to leave. No exceptions.

Exceptions: During the summer months, you are allowed to wear shorts with the understanding that they need to be something like cargo shorts or casual shorts. No denim cutoffs are allowed. I would really prefer no shorts in the trials as these are more formal events but if you can make it look professional or business casual, then I will allow the shorts. If you ever are in doubt...either change your clothes and/or ask me!!!

Volunteer Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

It is incredibly important that all Teen Court Volunteers and Defendants act with a high level of professionalism. This includes dress, behavior and language used while participating in ANY Teen Court event.

Ultimately, the foundation of Teen Court is **respect** and that must be shown in how you conduct yourself and interact with those around you. Those who don't follow the guidelines will be given a warning. If the behavior continues, the volunteer will be asked to leave the program.

General Guidelines: Rise on appropriate occasions. Maintain good posture while seated. Cell phones are to be placed in the basket without me prompting you. Arrive 20 minutes prior to the start of a panel or trial so that you have time to review the case and receive instructions. The time on the signups is the START time, not the time you should arrive. Remember your oath of confidentiality. Stay on focus during deliberations as you are deciding the fate of a human being.

Never sit on a panel or jury trial of a defendant you know personally. We will run through some guidelines to determine if you can sit on a panel or trial or practice as an attorney for the defendant if you know them. If you answer "Yes" to the following questions, then you probably won't be able to sit in the event or practice as an attorney/judge on the case:

1. Do you text, snap or Instagram with this individual? (or any other social media)
2. Do you have class projects with this individual?
3. Do you play on the same sports team as this individual?
4. Do you hang out with this individual?

If you know the defendant from Kindergarten and you see them in the hallway, most likely you will be able to sit in on the event or practice as an attorney/judge. The schools are too big for me

to say that if you see someone in the hallway, then you cannot participate, which is why I came up with the guidelines. You can always run this past me if you have any questions or have doubts as to whether or not you can participate.

Behavior: Be courteous and respectful to all participants. Be respectful of each other's opinions and practice active listening. Speak clearly during panels and trials. Be mindful of your facial expressions and be careful not to roll your eyes or smirk. **Always be respectful with defendants and their parents.**