

What to expect...
TEEN COURT

A DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM

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*The Ninth Judicial Circuit Court
of Florida in and for Orange County
Office of the Court Administrator*

TEEN COURT
2000 East Michigan Street
Orlando, Florida 32806
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Why A Teen Court?

The purpose of Teen Court is to divert less serious cases away from the more formal Juvenile Court. The Teen Court process provides:

- a) a forum for defendants to explain their involvement in the offense;**
- b) a structured environment in which the words and actions of defendants, who admit their wrongful acts are evaluated and judged by a jury of their peers;**
- c) the opportunity for defendants to accept responsibility for their actions by fulfilling the jury's sentence of community service hours and future jury duty assignments, both of which are designed to be constructive and rehabilitative.**

Teen Court is based upon the premise that youthful offenders will more readily accept responsibility for their actions when judged and sentenced by their peers.

How Does It Work?

They may decide that the teen has to complete community work service, or abide by a curfew, or serve jury duty. The defendant may have to make restitution, or write a report, or make an apology. The defendant will have five weeks to complete the sentence or sanctions. The bad news is, if the defendant doesn't complete the program, the case gets returned to the State Attorney's Office for a trial in Juvenile Court with a judge. The good news is, if the defendant successfully completes all of these and other sanctions, the original charge will be dismissed.

What are the requirements for a Teen Court volunteer?

Teen Court volunteers must:

- between the ages 13-18
- be in satisfactory academic standing
- respect the Oath of Confidentiality
- demonstrate maturity and sensitivity
- meet the requirements of the Teen Court agreement.

When is Teen Court held and how do I volunteer?

Teen Court is held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Juvenile Justice Center, 2000 E. Michigan Street, Orlando, Florida.

To volunteer, complete the Volunteer Registration Form in this brochure and return it to your school contact person; or telephone (407)836-9517.

NOTE: Volunteers must provide their own transportation.

TEEN COURT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

I'd like to be trained to volunteer in Orange County Teen Court.

Areas of interest: Prosecutor Defense Attorney Trial Clerk Juror Court Deputy

Name: _____

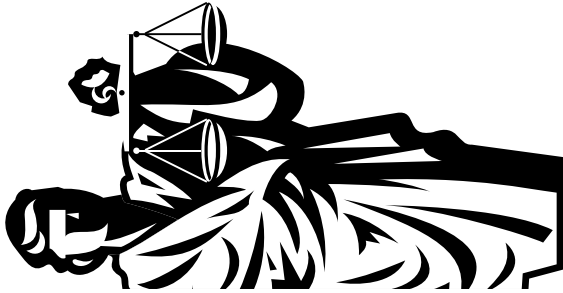
Address: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____

Detach and mail this completed Volunteer Registration Form to:

Orange County Teen Court
Juvenile Justice Center
2000 East Michigan Street
Orlando, Florida 32806





**Interested Teens...
looking for a challenge?**

Get involved and volunteer to be:

- **Prosecutor**
- **Defense Attorney**
- **Trial Clerk**
- **Juror**
- **Court Deputy**

NOTE: In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in Teen Court, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Teen Court Coordinator at 2000 East Michigan Street, Orlando, Florida, 32806, Telephone: (407)836-9517 for more information and to ensure that reasonable accommodations are available. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.