

Baltimore City Teen Court



Youth Volunteer Application

Date of Application _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: Home _____ Work _____ Email _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Contact # 1: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Any medical condition or allergies: Yes () No ()

If yes, please explain:

School: _____ School Academy _____

Grade: _____ GPA: _____

Please list two (2) references (non-relative). One reference should be an adult from the school you attend or from an activity in which you are involved.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

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1. List below any current and past co-curricular activities (sports, clubs, etc).

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. List below any previous volunteer experiences:

Name of organization or activity:

Volunteer position:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please answer the following questions:

a) What do you want to gain from becoming a member of the Baltimore City Teen Court?

b) What is one asset that you feel you would bring to the Teen Court program?

c) Define in your own words “Positive Peer Influence”, and discuss how you are prepared to serve as a role model in the Teen Court program.

Teen Court is tentatively scheduled for Thursday evenings from approximately 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Are you available on Thursday evenings? Yes _____ No _____

Are you available for Saturday training sessions? Yes _____ No _____

As a Teen Court volunteer, you will be expected to serve in all courtroom roles (Jury, Clerk, Bailiff and Attorneys) once trained in that position. All volunteers will begin their volunteer experience as a member of the jury.

The Baltimore City Teen Court **Code of Conduct** (below) is strictly enforced. Please review prior to completing your application. Please do not submit an application if you are not prepared to fully comply with the code of conduct.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

Behavior

All teens participating in the program are expected to display appropriate behaviors at all times. Participants are expected to be courteous and respectful, maintain an acceptable demeanor and refrain from the use of obscene language or gestures. There is to be no eating, drinking or gum chewing in the courtroom. Smoking in the building is strictly prohibited. Running in the hallways, or wondering through the building is not permitted. During Teen Court proceedings, participants are expected to pay attention, refrain from private conversations and avoid making loud noise. Deviation from the expected norms of the program will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal from the program.

Dress

All participants are expected to be appropriately attired. Males should wear pants and collared shirts or sweaters. Females should wear pants or skirts with blouses or sweaters. Shoes and socks are required and good grooming and hygiene is expected.

Protocol

Teen Court participants should arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. and sign in with the Teen Court Coordinator. Participants will follow the directions of the Teen Court staff and use good judgment in determining acceptable behavior. While in court proceedings, participants will address others by their appropriate title and surname, for example, Billy Smith is to be addressed as “Mr. Smith”, or “Defense Attorney Smith”, not “Billy”. Always address the judge as “Your Honor”. Once the hearing has begun, do not leave the courtroom. There will be no talking or laughing during Teen Court hearings. Teen court participants should not display feelings through facial expressions, nodding or shaking of heads, or other conduct that might indicate personal feelings or opinions about what is happening during the proceedings. Finally, all questions and concerns should be directed to the Teen Court Coordinator.

I affirm that the above information provided is true and correct.

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____

My child and I have discussed the Baltimore City Teen Court. I support his/her application to participate as a Teen Court Volunteer. I understand that acceptance into the program is contingent upon a one on one interview with the Community Outreach Coordinator and continued enrollment will be based upon his/her behavior.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to:
Leslie Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Citizenship Law Related Education Program
520 West Fayette Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: 410-706-5364 or 410-706-5363 Fax: 410-706-5576

Self Survey for Student Volunteers
Entrance Interview

1. Right now, my attendance in school is:
 - a. Excellent
 - b. Good
 - c. Fair
 - d. Poor

2. My grades are in the:
 - a. A range (90-100)
 - b. B range (80-90)
 - c. C range (70-80)
 - d. D range (65-70)
 - e. F

3. I believe my grade point average is a _____.

4. I feel I have a:
 - a. excellent understanding of the legal system
 - b. good understanding of the legal system
 - c. fair understanding of the legal system
 - d. poor understanding of the legal system

5. Right now I feel like I am:
 - a. definitely going to college
 - b. probably going to college
 - c. maybe going to college
 - d. not going to college

6. When working with my peers, I find I have:
 - a. good skills in communicating with them
 - b. decent skills in communicating with them
 - c. poor skills in communicating with them

7. I hope that Teen Court will help me to:
(Check all that apply)
 - Improve my skills in working with my peers.
 - Improve my public speaking skills.
 - Improve my skills when working with adults.
 - Improve my leadership skills.

8. What I want to get out of Teen Court most is:

Other Comments: _____

TEEN COURT PRE-INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

What is the best definition of the word *Diversion*?:

- A. To turn from one course onto another
- B. To twist out of the true meaning or proportion
- C. To put an object under water
- D. To do something to gain attention

Which of these would be considered negative behaviors? (circle all that apply):

- A. Listening to the opinions of others with an open mind
- B. Correcting what someone is saying before they are finished talking
- C. Putting your head down when someone is talking to the group
- D. Giving positive feedback to someone who has done a good job
- E. Having a private conversation when someone is talking to the group
- F. Making comments whenever there is a pause in the presentation
- G. Following directions
- H. Wrestling or "horse-playing" in public places
- I. Verbally harassing someone even though only joking
- J. Giving advice to those who appeared to be confused or lost

A positive Role Model is:

- A. A type of car
- B. A person who sets a good example for others to follow
- C. Someone who inspires others to do the right thing
- D. Those people who follow different rules from the rest of the group
- E. All of the above
- F. B and C above

A leader is someone who:

- A. Takes a position at the front
- B. Directs the group on a course or in a direction
- C. Will do the right thing even if no one is watching
- D. Respects others
- E. All of the above
- F. None of the above

True or False:

Everyone has made bad decisions before:	True	False
If the directions are not clear, it is OK to ask for help:	True	False
A person is responsible for their own behavior:	True	False
Human beings are generally good natured:	True	False
The best way to get respect is to give respect:	True	False

Circle all words that describe you:

Intelligent	Kind-hearted	Courteous	Wild
Thug	Respectful	Serious	Appropriate
Student	Lawful	Citizen	Humorous
Clown	Obnoxious	Playful	Positive