

TEEN COURT VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT/RELEASE

BY THE SIGNATURE BELOW, I AFFIRM, AS DO MY PARENTS/GUARDIAN, THAT I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN TEEN COURT:

- Volunteers must be compatible with Teen Court’s purpose of promoting law-abiding behavior.
- Volunteers are requested to serve a **minimum of six (6) months**, calling when unable to attend.
- Volunteers are expected to be respectful to all participants throughout their service.
- Volunteers will take their Teen Court responsibility seriously and will maintain confidentiality regarding all Teen Court proceedings.

As a Teen Court volunteer, I understand that I must provide a good example to my peers both at court and in the community. As a volunteer, I am representing the Teen Court program at all times and my behavior is a direct reflection on the program’s credibility as well as my peer volunteers’. In order to volunteer with the Lawrence/Meade County Teen Court, I not only agree to the original conditions as listed on the Volunteer Agreement but I will agree to the following: (place initials by each that you agree to)

_____ I will remain a law abiding citizen during the course of my volunteerism.

_____ I will present myself in a professional manner at any and all teen court proceedings or functions.

_____ I will remain alcohol and drug free during my volunteerism. With just cause, I will submit to a breathalyzer or urinalysis at the request of the Teen Court Director.

_____ I will not participate in or condone illegal behavior of any kind including attending parties where alcohol/drugs are in use.

_____ I understand that any violation of this Volunteer Agreement will warrant my removal from the Teen Court program as a volunteer.

DRESS CODE: Volunteers are expected to honor the following Dress Code:

Court demands respect.

Male Volunteers: Volunteers will wear their Teen Court shirt as provided. For the new volunteers, wear shirts that are appropriate for the courtroom. Derogatory t-shirts, sweatshirts, inappropriate shirts will not be allowed in the courtroom. Black slacks or khakis are expected. **NO DENIM OR BLUE JEANS**, baggy clothing, shorts or athletic type clothing. Your dress should reflect conservative, respectful dress. It is important to be professional with your actions and your dress.

Female Volunteers: Volunteers will wear their Teen Court shirt as provided. For the new volunteers, wear shirts that are appropriate for the courtroom. No derogatory t-shirts, midriff tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops or halter tops will be allowed. Black or khaki slacks or skirts should be worn. NO DENIM OR JEANS, flip flops or sandals. Skirts should be knee length with no slits above the hemline. NO tight fitting clothing or low cut tops. Your attire should reflect conservative, respectful dress. It is important to be professional with your actions and your dress.

The right to participate in Teen Court may be revoked at the sole discretion of the Judge and/or the Teen Court Director or staff for violation of the philosophy, purpose and rules of the Teen Court program. As a volunteer in Teen Court, you are agreeing to the possibility of random drug testing.

It is further agreed that the undersigned do hereby compromise and forever release, acquit, discharge, indemnify and covenant to hold harmless, the Lawrence/Meade County Teen Court, its employees and Board of Directors from all causes of action, claims liability, demands, damages, costs, loss of service, medical expense 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 the participation of the student volunteer in the Lawrence/Meade County Teen Court.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Teen Volunteer

Parent/Guardian