



## *Volusia County Teen Court*

### **What Is Teen Court?**

Teen Court is a nationally acclaimed program designed to divert less serious cases away from the more formal juvenile court. Teen Court is based on the premise that youthful offenders will more readily accept responsibility for their actions when judged and sentenced by peers.

The Teen Court process provides:

- A structured environment where the words and actions of Defendants who admit their guilt are evaluated and judged by a jury of their peers.
- The opportunity for Defendants to accept responsibility for their actions by fulfilling the jury's sentence, which is designed to be constructive and rehabilitative.

### **How Does It Work?**

A Teen Jury will decide the sanctions for Defendants which include, but are not limited to:

- \* Community Service
  - \* Jury Duty
  - \* Anger Management Classes
  - \* Counseling Sessions
  - \* Online Substance Abuse Course
  - \* Letters of Apology
- Defendants generally have four to eight weeks to complete the sanctions.
  - If a Defendant does not complete program requirements, his or her case will be processed through the juvenile justice system—which may result in a court appearance.
  - If the Defendant successfully completes his/her sanctions, he or she will avoid having a conviction on his or her record.

### **Train To Be A ...**

- Prosecuting Attorney
- Defense Attorney
- Trial Clerk
- Juror

*Justice For  
Teens, By Teens*



## Volunteer Requirements

- Grades 8-12
- Be in satisfactory academic standing
- Respect the Oath of Confidentiality
- Demonstrate maturity and sensitivity
- Comply with a dress code (business casual)
- Meet the requirements of the Teen Court agreement

## What's In It For You?

- Volunteer hours
- Community service hours toward various high school honors programs such as IB, AP, etc.
- Hours for Bright Futures and other scholarships
- Pre-Law Academy hours
- Potential monetary awards

\*Volunteer hours are required for some academic scholarships.

## Contact Us

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Center  
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Teen Court sessions are held on Mondays in DeLand  
and Tuesdays in Daytona Beach.  
Court is from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at each location.