

**Henderson County Teen Court**  
**PEER VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM**  
(Confidential Information)

**Print All Information Clearly**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Male / Female *(Circle one)* Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ TX Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School/Community activities \_\_\_\_\_

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Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Qualities that would make you a good Teen Court Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

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Two non-relative references *(teachers, coaches, ministers, employers)*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check all the positions in which you are interested. You are not making a commitment at this point—you may change your mind after training. You may specify one (or more) positions, but you may be asked to do any of the jobs.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>JUROR</b>        | Listen to presentation of cases; decide sentence                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>COURT CLERK</b>  | Check in defendants; introduce case to the court; assist coordinator         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>BAILIFF</b>      | Open court; call each case in court; be responsible for jury; maintain order |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MASTER JUROR</b> | Question defendants; decide sentence   |

Only student volunteers in secondary school may fulfill the following roles:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PROSECUTOR*</b> | Attend all training sessions and reviews; represent State's interest during proceedings; arrive at 5:15 to review cases; suggest appropriate sentence in cases you represent |
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\_\_\_\_\_**DEFENSE ATTORNEY\*** Attend all training sessions and reviews; represent defendants in cases assigned to you; call your defendants prior to court each week; arrive 5:15 to review paperwork AND meet personally with defendant prior to court; suggest appropriate sentence in cases you represent

**\*Usually serves as an assistant to a regular attorney, prior to having full responsibility for cases.**

**ALL APPLICANTS** are expected to: Participate in any required training; carry out judges' instructions; ensure confidentiality of hearings; treat ALL participants with RESPECT; and follow all Teen Court rules— dress code, professionalism, etc.

I understand that I may be called upon to serve during a Teen Court hearing. I will take my responsibility seriously and will maintain confidentiality regarding all Teen Court case information. I understand that if I neglect my responsibility or breach my oath of confidentiality, I may be removed from participating in the Teen Court program.

#### OATH OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I solemnly swear that I shall keep CONFIDENTIAL any specific information which comes to my knowledge in the course of a Teen Court case presentation, and I shall not identify, directly or indirectly, either audibly or in writing, any person participating as a defendant in the Teen Court program.

#### PARENTAL CONSENT

I am allowing my minor child to participate as a Teen Court volunteer. I understand that, as a parent/guardian, I am welcome to attend the Teen Court Training Session with my minor child. I further understand that Teen Court volunteers are required to keep all case information CONFIDENTIAL.

#### WAIVER AND RELEASE

I/my child, the applicant below, seek(s) to participate in the Henderson County Teen Court ("HCTC") program. In consideration of HCTC allowing me/my child named below to participate, if selected, in the HCTC program, and understanding that participation in the Teen Court program may involve participation in a community service program as well as activities that are off-site, including tours, trips, outings and excursions at locations other than the HCTC office's and the Henderson County Courthouse, on behalf of myself, my heirs and assigns, my personal representatives and executors, and my child (if under the age of eighteen years), I do hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Henderson County, Henderson County Teen Court program, their agents, representatives and employees, from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, liabilities, damages, personal injuries including death, property damage, and economic losses, or loss of any nature or cause including costs and attorneys fees in connection with or arising from my/my child's participation in the Teen Court program, performance of community service or participation in any activity sponsored or conducted by the HCTC.

Further, I hereby grant permission for Henderson County Teen Court to use the visual depiction of me/my child for the purposes of training, advertising, publicity and promotion of the Henderson County Teen Court. I affirm that the use of my/my child's appearance will not violate the rights of any person or organization and will not incur any liability for payment to any person. I release Henderson County Teen Court, their agents, representatives and employees, from all liability in connection with my/my child's appearance and I agree to hold the HCTC harmless from any and all liability, which it or Henderson County Teen Court may incur as a result of my/my child's appearance. I authorize Henderson County Teen Court to seek and obtain emergency medical care, if necessary, for me/my child during the hours of my/my child's participation, for the purpose of treating a medical emergency.

If the participant is a minor, I further attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor child, and that I have the legal right and authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of the minor and myself. I further warrant that no promise, statement, threat or agreement not herein expressed has been made, and that I fully understand this instrument and I execute it with full knowledge of its meaning, having first read it carefully.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian  
(If applicant is a minor under 17)

Please return at your earliest convenience to:

HENDERSON COUNTY TEEN COURT  
P. O. BOX 227  
ATHENS, TX 75751  
903.489.1143  
courtcoordinator@teencourtathenstx

If you have further questions, contact Lana Perkins at: