# TEENS.

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE CHALLENGE?

Get involved and Volunteer to be a:

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

Teen Court Volunteers are eligible for:

- 3 hours of credit per evening
- · Scholarship & stipends

#### WHEN, WHERE & HOW?

Teen Court is held every Tuesday & Thursday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

### THOMAS S. KIRK JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

2000 EAST MICHIGAN STREET ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32806

To volunteer, complete the attached Volunteer Registration Form and return it to the Teen Court Office or call (407)836-9517.

NOTE: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION.

#### REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance use.

#### PLEASE CONTACT

Court Administration
Orange County Courthouse
425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510
Orlando, Florida 32801

ADA phone: (407) 836-2303 If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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#### WHAT IS TEEN COURT?

Teen Court is a "peer court" for first time misdemeanor, felony, and traffic offenders. The program is conducted by volunteer teens who are trained in courtroom protocol, judicial process, and the responsibilities of the various court staff. The teen volunteers, along with adult volunteers, conduct court hearings for various misdemeanor criminal cases each week. Offenses include charges such as petit theft, affray, battery, criminal mischief, trespassing, and traffic infractions such as no valid driver's license. Defendants receive a sentence from a jury of their peers that must be completed within a certain time period. Those who successfully complete the program have their cases dismissed.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

To volunteer you must:

- Be between the ages of 13-18
- Be attending school and in good standing
- Cannot have an open delinquency court case



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

The Teen Court process provides:

- A forum for defendants to explain their involvement in the offense.
- A structured environment where the words and actions of defendants who admit their wrongful acts 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 of community service hours and future jury duty assignments, both of which are designed to be constructive and rehabilitative.



## TEEN COURT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

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