

City of El Paso Municipal Court



Teen Court Program

STUDENT VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

What is Teen Court?

Teen court is a real justice program run by teens for teens. It provides juveniles, who have been charged with a misdemeanor offense, and alternative means by which to have their case heard. Teen court also provides alternative sentences if the juvenile is found guilty.

Want to volunteer?

We invite you to come, learn, and be part of our Teen Court Program.

While volunteering with us you will:

- Gain legal and judicial system knowledge
- Advance your personal and professional skills
- Be a positive role model and good influence within your peer group
- Earn volunteer hours for graduation and gain field experience
- Teen Court looks great on college and scholarship applications too!

We are looking for teen volunteers' ages 13-17 who would be interested in serving in REAL court cases as an attorney, prosecutor, juror, court clerk, or bailiff.

Applications can be submitted in person at 810 E. Overland or by email at JCM@elpasotexas.gov

Deadline to submit: Friday, July 9, 2018

For more information contact Lorey Flores at (915) 212-5843 or email FloresLX@elpasotexas.gov



**City of El Paso Municipal Court
Teen Court Program
Youth Volunteer Application**

Youth Information:

Name:	DOB:	Age:
Home Address:	City, State Zip:	
School:	Grade:	
Email:	Tel:	

Parent(s) Information:

Parent/Guardian 1 Name:		
Parent Email	Tel:	

Parent/Guardian 2 Name:		
Parent Email	Tel:	

What position would you like to volunteer for? (Rank in order of preference)

_____ Prosecuting/Defense Attorney	_____ Clerk of Courts
_____ Bailiff	_____ Juror

How did you hear about Teen Court?

What made you decide to volunteer with Teen Court?

What are you hoping to get out of this experience?

Have you ever participated in Teen Court program before? If so, when and in what capacity?

Do you have a current valid driver's license? Yes No

Do you have reliable transportation? Yes No

If the answer to either of the above is no, you must attach a statement from your parents that they agree to provide transportation to ensure your participation and promptness at all sessions.

Please list 3 references (no immediate relatives):

Reference 1 Name:	Email:	Tel:
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Reference 2 Name:	Email:	Tel:
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Reference 3 Name:	Email:	Tel:
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We are always looking for new volunteers. Is there anyone who you think may be interested in volunteering with Teen Court?

Name:	Email:	Tel:
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As a member of the El Paso Municipal Court- Teen Court Program, I understand and agree to the following conditions and responsibilities:

1. Volunteers must agree to serve and participate in at least 75% of activities.
2. Volunteers will attend a training program for certain roles.
3. Volunteers must observe at least one case before participating as a volunteer.
4. Members will be permanently removed from Teen Court if they are philosophically incompatible with the program's purpose or breach of confidentiality (see Confidentiality Oath below). This includes disrespecting anyone involved in the Teen Court program.
5. Members are required to ensure that in addition to holding the youth accountable, special attention is given to community responsibility and to the victim.

Confidentiality Oath:

I solemnly swear or affirm that I will not divulge, either by words or signs any information which comes to my knowledge, in the course of a Teen Court case hearing and that I will keep secret all said proceedings which may be held in my presence.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand that Teen Court takes preparation and dedication. I will be given scheduled court dates at the beginning of the school year and I will speak with my parent(s) and teachers about time commitments and realize how important it is to be present at all court sessions. I also understand I will have to stay for the entire session, even if the case I am involved in is heard first. (Calendar will be given to you at the student orientation session in July)

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____