



HARFORD COUNTY TEEN COURT YOUTH VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

When completed:

Mail: Teen Court 125 North Main Street Bel Air, MD 21014

Fax: 410-638-3329

Scan and email: teckstein@harfordcountymd.gov.

Volunteers meet at 4:30 pm in Courtroom 2 Bel Air District Courthouse, 2 South Bond St.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

Date of Application: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Last Name _____ First Name: _____

Race _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

(For Teen Court communications)

Telephone (Home) _____ Cell _____

School you attend _____ Current Grade _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____ Parent Email: _____

School activities: _____

Activities Outside of School (church, job, community, etc.): _____

How did you hear about Teen Court? _____

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**Teen Court Coordinator Contact Information:
Tiffany Eckstein: 443-752-4217 teckstein@harfordcountymd.gov**

Volunteer Name: _____

Students and Parents please carefully read all of the information provided in your Volunteer Packet. By signing this Volunteer Application, you agree to the following:

- I have read and agree to abide by the Teen Court Dress, Conduct and Behavior Code. I understand that I will not be permitted to participate in court for the evening if my attire does not comply with the Dress Code.
- I understand that Teen Court volunteers are responsible for their own transportation.
- I understand that I must keep the details of Teen Court confidential.
- I understand that I must meet the minimum attendance requirements of 5 sessions.
- I understand that Teen Court starts promptly at 4:30 pm and may run as late as 7:30 p.m., and I am required to attend the whole session, unless excused by Teen Court staff.
- I understand that this signed application can be used to participate in all future activities and sessions of teen court.
- I will keep teen court advised of any change in school or contact information.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Contact Information

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PARENTS:

“I consent to the photographing of my child during sessions of the Harford County Teen Court and its release to be used for education and research by the Harford County Government or Harford County Sheriff’s Office. I release the Harford County Government or Harford County Sheriff’s Office and the District Court of Maryland and each and all persons involved from any liability connected with the taking, recording or publication of said court session.

I waive all rights I may have to any claims for payments or royalties in connection with use of these materials regardless of the purpose of such broadcasting. I have fully informed myself of this consent, waiver of liability, and release before signing it.”

() **I consent to the photographing of my child:**

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

() **I do not consent to the photographing of my child:**

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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HARFORD COUNTY TEEN COURT

LOCATION, DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION

COURT SESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH SEPTEMBER THROUGH JUNE

**LOCATION:
BEL AIR DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTH BOND STREET**

Additional dates can be added, as needed based on caseload. We will announce any additional dates via email, text and Facebook

Please refer to the Harford County Teen Court Website
<https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/498/Teen-Court>
and Facebook page to confirm dates.

Get Teen Court reminders on your cell by texting:
@HARCOTEEN to 81010

CHECK-IN TIME IS 4:30 P.M.

PICK-UP TIME IS 7:30 UNLESS OTHERWISE INFORMED

Please ask a staff member at check-in if you have questions regarding dismissal. Cell phones are allowed in the jury room only and can be used before and after court to call for rides in the event of early dismissal.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

WE FOLLOW THE HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S POLICY FOR CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ EVENTS.

IF HARFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR THE DAY, OR HAVE EARLY DISMISSAL DUE TO WEATHER,

COURT IS CANCELLED FOR THAT EVENING.

THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING A RESCHEDULED DATE

2019-2020 TEEN COURT DATES

September 5
October 3
November 7
December 5
January 2
February 6
March 5
April 2
May 7
June 4

*Additional nights added as needed

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DRESS CODE, CONDUCT, and BEHAVIOR

These rules and guidelines apply to respondents as well as all volunteer participants in the courtroom. It is important to remember that you are participating in a court of law and that your manner of dress and your conduct must display the proper respect for the court.

DRESS CODE – *Strictly Enforced! Please adhere to avoid being sent home.*

<i>YOU CAN WEAR.....</i>	<i>YOU CANNOT WEAR</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress pants. • Blouses and sweaters. • Collared shirts – button-up, polo or golf type shirt. • Ladies may wear dresses or skirts of acceptable length. • Appropriate shoes. <p>Note: Coats/jackets/sweatshirts must be left in your seat in the courtroom gallery. They cannot be worn when you are in the jury box.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No jeans. • No T-shirts. • No hats. • No shorts or cut-offs. • No pool type flip-flop shoes. <p><u>LADIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO TANK TOPS/SPAGHETTI STRAP shirts or other sleeveless spandex shirts. • No bare midribs – shirt and pants/skirts must meet. • No spandex leggings unless worn with skirt of proper length.

CONDUCT and BEHAVIOR

<i>YOU MUST....</i>	<i>YOU CANNOT</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at the 4:30P start time. • Be courteous and respectful to all participants. • Always pay attention to the court proceedings. • Speak clearly and loudly. • Keep your voices down in the jury deliberation room. • Always address the judge as “Judge _____” or “Your Honor”. • Remain in the courtroom once a hearing has begun. • Refrain from facial expressions, nodding/shaking your head or conduct that might indicate your agreement/disagreement with the court proceedings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cell phones on in the courtroom or the jury deliberation room. No photographing, recording or text-messaging at any time. Cell phones will be taken. • Cannot do homework or other work in the courtroom or jury deliberation room. • Cannot carry on private conversations in the courtroom or deliberation room. • Cannot display anger or lose your temper. • Cannot bring food or drinks to court. • Cannot chew gum in court.