

WAUKESHA COUNTY TEEN COURT ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHAT IS TEEN COURT?

The Waukesha County Teen Court program offers first-time offenders an opportunity to receive a meaningful sentence from a jury of their peers. The Teen Court experience provides youth with an alternative to appearing in municipal court and/or paying a fine. Each defendant will sit in front of a jury of their fellow teens and receive sentencing. The majority of sentencings can include 20-50 community service hours as well as sitting on the jury for 3-5 teen court sessions. It can also include other sentences such as an apology letter or a written assignment.

WHAT IS THE ADVISORY COUNCIL?

The advisory council is a group of teens that helps facilitate the program. They sit on the jury and provide feedback to the Teen Court Coordinators on how to help the program run smoothly. The council also works on projects that help recruit, run, and facilitate the program. In order to apply, applicants have to fill out a short application, provide three letters of reference, and participate in an interview. Applicants should also sit in on a court session (possibly as a member of the jury) to get an idea of what a typical session is like.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND TIME COMMITMENT

Applicants should be between 12 and 17 years of age. They must be willing to commit to attending sessions every other Tuesday between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Applicants should be doing well in school and be open-minded. They should be able to lead a group of jurors, form opinions, and formulate questions based upon a short scenario. Lastly, applicants shouldn't be afraid to speak up and make their opinions known, even if they may be unpopular.

**IF YOU WANT TO APPLY OR HAVE MORE QUESTIONS,
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