

ANDREWS TEEN COURT VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



(Please PRINT clearly)

NAME _____ TODAY'S DATE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (____) _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____

BIRTHDATE _____ GENDER: _____ EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____ GRADUATION YEAR _____

FATHER'S NAME & PHONE _____

MOTHER'S NAME & PHONE _____

List ALL extra-curricular activities (school, church, civic) in which you are involved and the number of hours spent per week on each.

| NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR ACTIVITY | HOURS PER WEEK |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

Why do you want to be a part of Teen Court? _____

Have you ever participated in Teen Court before? _____ If so, when & in what capacity? _____

- 1) Do you have a current valid Driver's license? _____ yes _____ no
- 2) Do you have reliable transportation? _____ yes _____ no
- 3) Are you able to pick up some volunteers? _____ yes _____ no

(IF THE ANSWER TO EITHER QUESTION 1 OR 2 IS NO, YOU MUST ATTACH A STATEMENT FROM YOUR PARENT(S) THAT THEY AGREE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO INSURE YOUR PARTICIPATION AND PROMPTNESS AT ALL SESSIONS.)

ALL APPLICANTS are expected to participate in required training, carry out judges' instructions, keep confidential any information obtained from hearings, treat ALL participants with RESPECT, and follow all Teen Court rules—dress code, professionalism, etc.

I have read the duties and understand the responsibilities of serving in Teen Court, and would like to serve during one or more of the following terms:

February-May _____ October-January _____

CITY OF ANDREWS TEEN COURT PROGRAM WAIVER AND RELEASE

I understand that Teen Court takes preparation and dedication. I will be given scheduled court dates at the beginning of the school year and 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. I also give permission for my photo to be taken while acting as a Teen Attorney. (CALENDAR WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AT ATTORNEY TRAINING AT THE START OF EACH TERM.)

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (if Applicant is a minor under 18)

Please mail this application to Andrews Municipal Court 111 Logsdon, Andrews, TX 79714, fax 432-523-2033, or return to Ms. Walker at Andrews High School. Call 432-524-2791 with any questions or send email to mescovedo@cityofandrews.org

Andrews Teen Court

Teen court is held only to determine the punishment stage for offenders between the ages of 14 and 17 on Class C Misdemeanors originally filed in the Andrews Municipal Court. Teen attorneys will represent the teen defendant as well as the State to present the cases to a Teen Jury. The Teen Jury determines the punishment based on a set scale relative to the charge, which includes community service hours and participating in other Teen Court juries.

CODE OF CONDUCT

THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIOR IS PROHIBITED AT COURT:

- Any action or behavior deemed to be disruptive of a court proceeding.
- Any flagrant disregard for a court order or ruling of a judge.
- Any violation of a law of the State of Texas or City Ordinance.
- Any loud talking or yelling, use of obscene or profane language.
- Any food, drink, chewing gum, or use of tobacco products.
- Any talking while court is in session.
- Any intimidation or threatening of a Teen Court official, jury member, Teen Court participants or observers or any display of anger or loss of temper.
- No pets allowed in the courtroom.

DRESS CODE – All Participants Must Observe the Following:

- All attorneys are expected to dress in professional attire.
- No cell phone use in the courtroom.
- No torn or dirty jeans & no shorts.
- No hats or caps
- No T-shirts, spaghetti straps, or low cut tops
- No visible skin mid-thigh to the stomach
- No sandals, shower shoes, or flip flops
- Shirts must be tucked in