

**Cooper County Youth Court
Youth Volunteer Application
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Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Date of Birth: _____ Check one: Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell/other) _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Graduation Year: _____ How did you hear about Youth Court? _____

E-mail Address: _____

In Case of Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Do you have reliable transportation to Youth Court? _____

Please list any current or previous volunteer or extra curricular activities:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please list any current or previous experience with youth organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H or church youth groups:

Organization: _____ **How long:** _____

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References:

Please list the names of 2 adults not related to you:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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1.

2.

Are you interested in serving on the Youth Court Advisory Board? _____

Volunteer Position Requested (Number in order of preference)

_____ **Bailiff (call court cases and witnesses)**

_____ Clerk (keeps records of all cases heard)

_____ Defense Attorney

_____ Prosecuting Attorney

_____ Jury Member

Youth Court requires a commitment of 3-4 hours a month in addition to several hours of training. Are there any seasons of the year in which you will have to take an extended break (8 weeks or more)? If so, please list below.

Agreement:

I understand and agree that my volunteer position with Youth Court may be terminated at any time without previous warning. I understand that I am committing to Youth Court for at least 6 months, and can continue to volunteer indefinitely when that time has expired.

I understand the importance of confidentiality, dress code, and setting a professional example, and realize that breaches of this can cause immediate dismissal from the Youth Court program.

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I further understand that any false answers or statements made by me on this application; or interview(s) or in connection with the above mentioned investigation will be sufficient grounds for immediate dismissal.

I understand a parent signature below constitutes parental agreement that I can be photographed, interviewed or filmed by the media at any point in my participation in Youth Court for the purposes of promoting the program.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Youth Court Coordinator: _____ Date: _____

YOUTH COURT OATH OR AFFIRMATION

**I SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I WILL NOT DISCLOSE, EITHER
BY WORDS OR DEEDS, ANY INFORMATION WHICH I LEARN IN THE
COURSE OF A YOUTH COURT CASE PRESENTATION, AND THAT I WILL
KEEP SECRET ALL YOUTH COURT PROCEEDINGS HELD IN MY
PRESENCE.**

Violation of this confidentiality oath will cause immediate termination from the program, and those found guilty can also be legally prosecuted.

Dress Code:

Youth Court volunteers are expected to set the standard for professional dress at Youth Court. Volunteers may wear casual clothes to get-togethers or trainings. However, when appearances will be made in the courtroom, dress should be taken up a notch.

Attorneys are expected to wear a suit, a button-down shirt and slacks, a nice skirt and sweater, etc.

Volunteers who are jury members should set the example for defendants—no shorts, sandals, hoodies, or shirts with writing on them. Jeans must look nice; slacks or khakis are better. Button-down shirts, sweaters, polo shirts, or nice long-sleeved t-shirts are appropriate.

Setting a Professional Example:

Youth Court volunteers are expected to show respect at all times to all adult staff, adult volunteers, judges, and other youth volunteers.

At Youth Court, every defendant deserves respect; volunteers should set the example by showing respect to each defendant.

Participants in Youth Court are at no time allowed to discuss the cases outside of the courtroom, except on some occasions, during a training where brainstorming or trouble-shooting are taking place. The Coordinator will designate these rare times.

Volunteer attorneys should never joke about or make light of a case. Each case is important, and each defendant deserves our respect and full attention.

Volunteers may at any time discuss with the Coordinator ideas and suggestions for improvement. These ideas should always be brought to the table; gossip is not an appropriate or effective way of making change.

All volunteers will at all times reflect a positive image of Youth Court to the community.

They should try as much as possible to discuss the positive virtues of the program.

No matter where a volunteer is serving, he/she must give his/her very best by arriving on time and preparing with excellence.