

Youth Volunteer Application

Purpose of form: To gather information on prospective youth volunteers.

Reason for form: The *National Youth Court Guidelines* (chapter 7, guideline 3) state that all youth court volunteers should be required to complete a volunteer application. Volunteer applications provide contact information on prospective volunteers, as well as provide you with an idea of the volunteers' interests and reasons for wanting to be involved with your program. The more you know about the person, the better able you will be to place the volunteer in a role that will benefit the program and interest the volunteer.

Suggested ways to use the form:

- Review information on sample form and adapt questions asked to meet your program's informational needs. Only collect information that you will use or will be helpful in assisting you determine the best placement for the individual.
- Have applications available whenever you present to groups of youth (e.g., presentations at schools, youth service organizations, community fairs) so that you will be prepared if someone shows an interest in volunteering for your program.
- Include contact information for your program on the application so the individual will know where to send the form, as well as know who to contact if he or she has questions.
- If your program has a website, place the youth volunteer application online so that people can download and mail or fax it to you. Also, consider creating an online volunteer application form that youth can fill out on the website and submit to you via email.
- Review the application form yearly to determine if any modifications need to be made.

[Insert Program Name]
[Insert Program Contact Information]

Youth Volunteer Application Form

Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

What school do you attend? _____

What types of activities are you involved with in school? _____

What activities are you involved with outside of school? (church, community, etc.) _____

Do you work? _____ If so, where? _____

Work phone number _____ Hours per week _____

How did you hear about/become interested in youth court? _____

What qualities do you have that would make you a good youth court volunteer? _____

What do you hope to gain from being in youth court? _____

What are your educational or career plans after graduation from high school? _____

Have you ever been found guilty of a crime? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, what charge? _____

Have you ever come in contact with or had any experience with any law enforcement agency of the court system? If so, please explain: _____

Have you ever been the victim of a crime? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, please explain: _____

Please check which role(s) you would like to perform within the youth court.

Bailiff

Judge

Court Clerk

Youth Advisory Board Member

Juror

Program Advisory Board Youth Liaison

Defense Attorney

Other: _____

Prosecuting Attorney

When are you available to volunteer for youth court?

When are you not available to volunteer (e.g., days of week, times of day, times of year)

REFERENCES

Please include one educational reference and one community reference. The educational reference may be either a teacher or an administrator. The community reference should be over twenty-one years of age and should not be a relative.

Educational Reference:

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Community Reference:

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Relationship to you _____

I hereby certify the facts set forth in the above application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date