

**TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
JEFFERSON COUNTY TEEN COURT**

Please PRINT Using Black or Blue Ink or Type:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____
(Number and Street) (City and Zip)

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Gender: Male Female

Grade in Fall: _____ (must be 8th – 12th grade) School you will attend: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

I am applying to serve at the following location:

_____ Birmingham Division, 120 2nd Court North, Birmingham, AL 35204

_____ Bessemer Division, 1801 3rd Ave North, Bessemer, AL 35020

Activities/Clubs/Interests: _____

Do any of these activities meet on Tuesday nights (if applying for Birmingham) or Thursday nights (if applying for Bessemer)? _____

How did you hear about Teen Court? _____

Have you applied to Teen Court before? _____

Have you interviewed for Teen Court before? _____ If so, when? _____

Why do you want to be a Teen Court volunteer? _____

TEEN VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must be entering the 8th - 12th grade, in good academic standing, and live and/or attend school within Jefferson county. Applicants must complete an interview with a member of the Teen Court staff, and demonstrate an ability to treat each case individually, with objectivity and without prejudice. Applicants must have an ability to communicate with young people and work in a group process and be able to maintain confidentiality of all cases.

SELECTION:

Applicant interviews will be scheduled for May and June. Applicants will be contacted and assigned an interview time. Applicants are selected into the program based on the application, teacher recommendation, and interview.

TRAINING:

Volunteers selected into the program will be required to attend **mandatory** training on two Saturdays in August at Samford University. Completion of the training program will award applicants privileges of being a Teen Court volunteer.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

Volunteers selected into the program will be rotated among the various positions. (Serving as an attorney requires additional training.) All volunteers must attend court sessions, follow the Teen Court guidelines, maintain confidentiality, treat all participants with respect, attend all trainings, and follow the court rules. In addition, jurors must listen objectively during the hearing and assign a constructive sentence designed to hold the youth responsible for his or her actions, accountable to the community and the victim. All volunteers must attend scheduled Teen Court hearings, arrive on time, dress professionally, ensure confidentiality, be dependable, and exhibit professionalism at all times.

TIME REQUIRED:

A volunteer must commit to serve at least four months during the school year. Teen Court hearings are held every Tuesday evening from 5:45 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Jefferson County Family Court and on the first and third Thursday evening of each month at the Bessemer Division. Attorneys are required to arrive one hour prior to their hearing. Bailiffs, clerks and jurors are required to arrive 30 minutes before their hearing. Generally, Teen Court volunteers will spend approximately two hours at Family Court for each scheduled hearing. Volunteers must serve a minimum of two Tuesday evenings per month during the school year for Jefferson County and one evening per month for Bessemer Division.

I have read and understand the above information about the program for which I apply.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and understand the above information about the program for which my child has applied.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail applications for the **Birmingham Division** to:
Teen Court Coordinator
120 2nd Court North
Birmingham, AL 35204
205-726-2459 (fax)

Mail applications for the **Bessemer Division** to:
Teen Court Coordinator
1801 3rd Ave North, Courthouse Ste. 307
Bessemer, AL 35020
205-744-3550 (fax)

Due on or before May 15th

