

How are Volunteers Trained?

A Teen Court informational / training meeting is held twice a year, usually in the spring and fall. All volunteers have access to a general Volunteer Manual, and a separate Attorney Manual is available for those interested in a role as attorney. **New volunteers are accepted anytime during the year** however attendance at a training one time per year is required for participation. Community Service hours are awarded for attendance.

What are the Benefits of Participating in Teen Court?

Teen volunteers gain valuable experience learning the judicial process. Time volunteered can be **credited toward community service hours required by school organizations**. Teen Court involvement is a **plus for college applicants**, and the volunteer gains a sense of fulfillment knowing they have impacted another teen's life in a positive way. Volunteers who are graduating from high school may apply for a scholarship to assist with college.

Please contact the Teen Court Coordinator for more information at 972.219.3799.

www.cityoflewisville.com

www.flower-mound.com



Teen Court is held on Tuesday night beginning at 5:30 p.m.

2021 Schedule and Court Locations

April 27.....
May 11.....
May 25.....
June 8.....
June 22.....
July 13.....
July 27.....
August 10.....
August 24.....
September 7.....
September 21.....
October 5.....
October 19.....

Training for all Volunteers
held each spring and fall

Dress Code Strictly Enforced

No sagging or torn jeans (must be school appropriate), pajama pants, shorts, tank tops, midriff or halter tops, torn clothing, caps, hats, or bandanas, flip flops or shower shoes are allowed.

Ladies: business casual dress
(Blouse, long skirts or slacks)

Gentlemen: business casual dress
(Shirt, nice slacks or cargo pants)

Lewisville/Flower Mound Teen Court
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Lewisville, TX 75029-9002



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Lewisville Flower Mound Teen Court



VOLUNTEERS



What is Teen Court?

Teen Court is a voluntary program, which allows juvenile Class C misdemeanor offenders to "pay" for their citation through community service and involvement in the judicial process. These cases are presented by volunteer Teen Court attorneys to a jury of the defendant's peers made up of volunteers from local secondary schools and returning youth who were previous defendants. The jury members then assess a sentence of community service following the guidelines of the sentencing grid found in this brochure. Teen Court is a "hands on" educational opportunity, which allows teen offenders and teen volunteers to better understand our system of justice. Additionally, the offender pays no fine, and upon successful completion of Teen Court the charges will be dismissed and removed from the youth's permanent record.

Who is Eligible for Teen Court?

Youths age 10-17 who are currently enrolled in school or a home school program may request Teen Court from the municipal judge for most Class C misdemeanors and city ordinance violations. The defendant must enter a plea of "guilty" or "nolo contendere" for referral to Teen Court.

Parental consent and participation is required

How is Teen Court Possible in the State of Texas?

Teen Court is authorized under Texas law in Article 45.55 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and Article 54.032 of the Family Code.

What is the cost for the program?

Defendants must pay their state court costs at the time of referral. A \$20.00 Teen Court fee must be paid to the court prior to the youth's sentencing hearing and is non-refundable.

What Volunteer Positions are Available for Teens?

The Teen Court program allows teens to serve as defense and prosecuting attorneys, Master Jury Judge, bailiffs, jurors, and sign-in clerks. Teens may choose which roles are of interest to them.

How do I Become a Teen Court Volunteer?

Teens between the ages of 13-17, residing in the greater Lewisville/Flower Mound area, and enrolled in LISD or homeschooled, are eligible to volunteer. Interested youth may observe a court session and then apply to participate in the program.

Adults are welcome to volunteer to assist with monitoring teen sessions, sign-ins, and training.

Volunteering to work for Teen Court is an educational and rewarding opportunity for both teens and adults.

Teen Court information can be found on the following city websites:

Flower Mound www.flower-mound.com
Lewisville www.cityoflewisville.com

Where are Teen Court Hearings Held?

Teen Court proceedings are held twice a month on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. rotating between the Lewisville Municipal Court and Flower Mound Municipal Court.

Flower Mound Municipal Court

4150 Kirkpatrick Lane
Flower Mound, Texas 75028
972-874-3370

Lewisville Municipal Court

1197 W. Main St.
Lewisville, Texas 75067
972-219-3799

Code of Conduct and Dress Code

Everyone attending Teen Court should be dressed in clothing respecting the dignity of the court. Youth attorneys are expected to wear "business" dress clothing. No sagging or torn jeans (must be school appropriate), pajama pants, shorts, tank tops, midriff or halter tops, torn clothing, caps, hats, or bandanas, flip flops or shower shoes are allowed.

Dress code strictly enforced