



HERNANDO COUNTY YOUTH COURT
YOUTH VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
20 N. Main St., Room 300-A, Brooksville, FL 34601
352-540-6263 or 352-651-3144
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DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED:

Name		DOB		Email	
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Home Phone		Cell Phone			
Parent/Guardian Name					
Parent/Guardian Phone Number					
School				Grade	
Do you work? If so, where.					
What types of activities are you involved with in school?					
What activities are you involved with outside of school?					
What do you gain from volunteering 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, when and what charge?					

Have you ever meet 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:				

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

WAIVER: I, _____ parent/legal guardian of _____ do hereby agree that as a condition of my child’s participation in Youth Court to hold the Youth Court Program Specialist, the School Board of Hernando County, the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and their employees, agents, and representatives, harmless from any and all liability and against all claims, of whatsoever nature and kind, whether it be for injury, loss or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, arising out of, or in connection with Youth Court. I hereby give my child permission to participate in Youth Court.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

*****My child has permission to drive him/herself to and from Youth Court*****

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

*****My child has permission to ride with _____ to and from Youth Court*****

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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MEDIA WAIVER FORM

Media Waiver of Confidentiality and Memorandum of Understanding

I _____ agree to speak with, be photographed by, and/or be videotaped by the media and have my name used and agree to have my face shown on television or videotape or the Internet for the educational and court purposes of the Hernando County Youth Court and/or the National Association of Youth Courts.

Photographs will be used on the Hernando County Youth Court website and/or the National Association of Youth Courts website. If photographs are to be used on any site other than these, a separate waiver must be filled out and signed.

Additionally, you may elect to have your photograph used on the Internet, but not have your name used by initialing here: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Compliance with this agreement is a condition of internship/externship/mentorship/observation or any other voluntary, unpaid participation in the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Such individuals shall hereinafter be referred to as “Parties”.

For purposes of this agreement, confidential information is: (a) written, electronic, or oral information relating to cases filed in the Fifth Judicial Circuit except statements made in oral arguments or in other venues open to the public, briefs, and other papers filed with the clerk’s office, and opinions or orders made public through issuance by the court; (b) information concerning the Court’s decision-making process; and (c) information pertaining to administrative matters of the Court identified by the court as confidential. Confidential information under this agreement is not equivalent to confidential or exempt information under Florida’s public records laws and court rules.

Individuals covered by this agreement are all “Parties” (as described above) volunteering for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Staff covered by this agreement are all employees of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, including but not limited to personal staff to judges, central staff attorneys, employees of the Clerk’s office, and employees of Court Administration.

- A. Parties shall not disclose confidential information acquired in the course of their work with the Court other than to current staff who are bound by the terms of this agreement and who are authorized to have access to the information.
- B. Parties shall not disclose confidential Court documents to any person other than to current staff who are bound by the terms of this policy and who are authorized to have access to the information contained in those documents.
- C. Parties shall not comment publicly about unannounced case-related matters that were, presently are, or will be before the Court in its decision-making capacity.
- D. Any writing produced by Parties while working on Court or Court Administration business is the property of the Court or Court Administration, and shall not be used as a writing sample for any purpose.
- E. Parties misconduct involving unauthorized disclosure or use of confidential information may result in termination of the volunteer agreement, reporting to the appropriate agency including submission of a report to The Florida Bar of Bar Examiners (if applicable), the OSCA, the college/university or any other relevant agency for consideration in determining fitness to practice law, obtain mediation certification, or interpreter certification.
- F. This confidentiality agreement continues after completion of volunteer work with the Court or Court Administration.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read the confidentiality policy of the Fifth Judicial Circuit. I certify that I understand and will comply with the requirements of this Policy.

Printed Name

Signature

Witness Name

Signature

Hernando County Youth Court

IMPORTANT

Please read the following statements and sign below.

Dress Code for Youth Court

- All blouses and shirts must be buttoned and tucked into pants or skirts.
- **ABSOLUTELY** no tank tops, tube tops, shorts, spandex, sweat suits, or hats.
- No facial jewelry other than earrings, sunglasses, or stereo headsets are allowed.
- T-shirts and jeans may be worn by Youth Court participants as long as they are neat and clean, and do not have any holes in them.
- Youth Court participants may not wear any clothing that has inappropriate writing, slogans or logos of any kind.

***** I, _____, acknowledge the dress code and agree to adhere to it. *****

Conduct Code for Youth Court

It is a privilege to serve in and use the courthouse and courtrooms. Please show your respect by following the court rules.

- **If you must carry an electronic communication device, it must be turned off in the courtroom.**
- Chewing gum is not permitted.
- Do not put your feet on the furniture.
- Once court begins, there is no talking permitted and you are to remain in your seat.
- Do not leave or enter the courtroom unless a recess has been called by the judge.
- Possession of tobacco by anyone under the age of 21 is against the law and will be prosecuted. Any participant seen using tobacco will be removed from the program.
- All Youth Court participants will follow instructions given by the Youth Court Coordinator/Clerk and any Adult Volunteers. Failure to comply with the instructions and rules of Youth Court will result in dismissal from the program.
- It is the policy of the Hernando County Youth Court program that all participants will be safe, secure, and free from harassment or bullying of any kind. Conduct that constitutes bullying or harassment is prohibited and may result in suspension or termination from participation in the program.
- Consequences and appropriate remedial action for someone found to have wrongfully and intentionally accused another of bullying or harassment may range from suspension to termination from participation in the program.

***** I, _____, acknowledge the code of conduct and agree to adhere to it. *****

Date

Youth Volunteer Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature