Welcome to the 2020 Spring Session of Teen Court! We continue to rely on the commitment of our Teen Court volunteer jurors to ensure that our program meets our goals.

Our 2020 Spring Session will consist of 10 court evenings, from Wednesday January 22, 2020 through Wednesday June 10, 2020. **Additionally, for New Volunteers only, we have scheduled Wednesday January 8, 2020 as a MANDATORY TRAINING NIGHT.** Considering this, I ask that you look at the enclosed Teen Court Schedule and remember that, **in addition to th**e **MANDATORY JANUARY 8 TRAINING SESSION**, you must attend a minimum of **7** of the **10** court evenings.

**Please only submit your application if you know you will be able to meet the attendance requirement including the Mandatory Training Night, and agree to abide by our Dress/Conduct Code, as well as the Confidentiality/Use of Electronics Agreement.**

Please take the time to carefully read the enclosed application which outlines our requirements before submitting your application. **Parent signatures are required on both pages of the application.** **Please note that even if you have volunteered for a previous session, you must submit a new application for this 2020 Spring Session**.

**Applications may be submitted in ONE of THREE ways.**

* **E-mail (Preferred!!)**. You may scan your completed application and send as an attachment to: paulette.corbit@montgomerycountymd.gov
* **Fax.** You may fax your completed application to 240-777-7413 Attention: Paulette Corbit
* **U S Post**. Mailed applications must be **postmarked no later than the November 20 deadline** and sent to: Paulette Corbit, 50 Maryland Av, 5th Floor, Rockville MD 20850

**Applications must be received by Wednesday November 20, 2019 and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis so it’s wise to get your application in ASAP and not wait until the deadline.**

Due to the popularity of our Teen Court Program, we must limit the number of volunteers that we can accept in a session. While we value the enthusiasm and experience of our returning volunteers, we will give preference to new volunteers in order to make our program available to the widest number of interested high school students. Additionally, to keep our juries balanced, we must also limit the number of applicants per school.

**All accepted applicants will be sent an Acceptance Email confirmation beginning Thursday December 5, 2019.** It is extremely important that you **CLEARLY PRINT** **your e-mail address** on the application and include your telephone number. If I am unable to contact you by e-mail, you may miss your opportunity to participate in this Teen Court session!

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions at 240-777-7388, or by email at Paulette. Corbit@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Paulette Corbit

Teen Court Specialist

**TEEN COURT SCHEDULE**

**SPRING SESSION 2020**

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| **ALL TEEN COURT DATES OCCUR ON WEDNESDAY** |
| **\*\*\*\*\*\*WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8****\*\*\*\*Mandatory Training for New Volunteers Only\*\*\*\*** |
| **January 22** |  |
| **February 12** | **February 26** |
|  **March 11** | **March 25** |
| **April 15**  | **April 29** |
| **May 13** | **May 27**  |
| **June 10** |  |

* **CHECK-IN TIME IS PROMPTLY AT 4:30 P.M. AT THE 2ND FLOOR JURY LOUNGE**
* **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOLLOWING THE TEEN COURT DRESS CODE. NO JEANS!**
* **CELL PHONES/COMMUNICATION DEVICES MUST BE TURNED OFF BEFORE ENTERING THE COURTROOM. IF YOU ARE FOUND USING ANY DEVICE, IT WILL BE CONFISCATED AND YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COURTROOM!!!!**

 ***IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER***

***WE FOLLOW THE MCPS POLICY FOR CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ EVENTS. IF MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR THE DAY, OR HAVE EARLY RELEASE DUE TO WEATHER, COURT IS CANCELLED FOR THAT EVENING***

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| **Applications are accepted on a first come – first serve basis based on date received!! We will only send notification of acceptance via e-mail. Confirmation of your acceptance will be e-mailed beginning Thursday December 5, 2019.** |
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| Enter your e-mail address here:  |  |
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| Last Name: |  | First Name: |  |
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| Race:  |  | Sex (M/F):  |  | Date of Birth:  |  / / | Age: |  |
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| Address: |  |
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| City:  |  | Zip:  |  |  |
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| Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names:  |  |
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| Home Number: |  | Cell Number:  |  |
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| High School You Attend/Will Attend: |  |
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| **Grade** (for school year **Sept. 2019 – June 2020**):  |  |  |
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| Have you served as Teen Court Volunteer before? |  | When:  |  |
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| If you are a New Volunteer, did you apply for a previous Teen Court session? |  |
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| Are you **fluent** in a second language? \_\_\_\_\_\_ | What language? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **\*\*\*We occasionally have volunteers assist as interpreters for respondents or parents of respondents.\*\*\*** |
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| How did you hear about Teen Court: |  |
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| **Students and Parents! By signing the Volunteer Application you agree to the following:** |
| * I have read and agree to abide by the Teen Court Dress, Conduct, and Behavior Code. I understand I will not be permitted to participate in court for the evening if my attire does not comply with the Dress Code.
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| * **I understand that I must sign and be bound by the Confidentiality/Use of Electronics Agreement. I further understand that if I am found to have broken this agreement, I will be dropped from the Teen Court Program and forfeit my accrued SSL hours**.
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| * I understand that if I am a **NEW COLUNTEER,** that I **must be available** to attend the **Mandatory Training Session** on Wednesday **JANUARY 8, 2020** from 4:30P – 7:00P. **(No Exceptions!!!)**
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| * I understand that I am volunteering for the Spring 2020 Session that runs from **January 22, 2020** through **June 10, 2020**.
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| * I understand that I am allowed a **maximum of 3 absences** from the Teen Court sessions.
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| * I understand that Teen Court is in session from **4:30P – 7:30P** and that **I am required to attend the** **whole session unless excused by the Coordinator**.
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| * I understand that Teen Court volunteers are responsible for their own transportation.
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| Student Signature:  |  | Date: |  |
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| Parent Signature:  |  | Date: |  |
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| **Attention!! You must include this signed and dated form with your application: Parents’ Permission for Videotaping and/or Photographing and the Teen Court Confidentiality Agreement.** |
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| **Parents: Permission for Videotaping and/or Photographing** |
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| On occasion, we have been asked by various media outlets for permission to photograph and/or film Teen Court. Please read the following agreement and sign below if you agree to have your child in these photos.“I consent to videotaping and/or photographing of my child during sessions of the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office Teen Court and its release to be used for education and research by the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office. I release the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office and the Circuit Court of Maryland and each and all persons involved from any liability connected with the taking, recording, or publication of said court session.I waive all rights I may have to any claims for payments or royalties in connection with use of these materials regardless of the purpose of such broadcasting. I have fully informed myself of this consent, waiver of liability, and release before signing it.” |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: | Accept: |  |
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|  | Decline: |  |
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|  | Date:  |  |

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| **Teen Court Confidentiality/Use of Electronics Agreement** |
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| I solemnly declare that I will keep confidential any information that comes to my knowledge in the course of a Teen Court case presentation and that I will not identify directly or indirectly, either audibly or in writing, any person participating as a respondent in the Teen Court program.I further declare that I understand, and agree to adhere to, the ban of the use of ALL electronic and communication devices in the courtroom**. I understand that all electronic and communication devices must be turned off prior to entering the courtroom and may not be turned on or accessed in any way for any reason until court has adjourned.** **I understand that any breach of this agreement on my part will result in my dismissal from the Teen Court Program and that any SSL hours that I have accrued for the current Teen Court session will be forfeited**. |
| Student Volunteer Signature: |  |  |
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|  Date: |  |  |