

Oconto County Teen Court

Spring Recruitment for Panel Members

What is the role of a Teen Court Panel Member?

- The panel works as a team to find sanctions for youth offenders using the principles of Restorative Justice. Youth offenders have pled guilty in municipal or circuit court and have elected to attend Teen Court.

What are the qualifications to be a Teen Court Panel Member?

- High school student, grades 9 -12
- Open-minded, mature, sensitive to others
- Respectful of confidential information
- Able to attend training session (two six-hour trainings)
- Agree to volunteer for one year

Do I have to have really good grades?

- Not at all. All we ask is that you are not failing any classes and that you are trying your best.

How much time is involved, and when does Teen Court meet?

- Teen Court meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:15 PM until about 8:30 PM.
- Panelists sign-up on a monthly basis. Most panelists attend about 6 sessions per year.

What is the benefit to me?

- Community Service
- Experience that stands out on your resume
- Broader appreciation for our community
- Deeper knowledge about the issues facing youth in our community

How do I apply?

- See your guidance counselor for an application or download one at <http://oconto.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/teen-court/>
- Deadline for application is the Last Monday in April.



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Due Date: the Last Monday in April

Name _____ Date of birth _____

School _____ Graduation Year _____

Phone ____ / ____ / ____ E-mail _____

Home Address _____
City State Zip

◆ **Briefly describe why you would like to be a member of the Oconto County Teen Court Panel.**

◆ **What skills do you have that would make you an effective Teen Court Panel member?**

◆ Explain in your own words, the importance of keeping the Oath of Confidentiality.

◆ Describe what a role model is. In what way are you a role model in your school and community?

• List the days and times of any extracurricular activities or clubs you are involved in, including work.

Applicant:

If I am selected to be an Oconto County Teen Court Panel member, I agree to attend a two-day training provided by UW-Extension and the Teen Court Advisory Board. I agree to serve as a voluntary panel member approximately one evening every other month. I realize that Teen Court may attend trainings or presentations during a school day and that it is my responsibility to make up any school work I miss. I realize that transportation to Teen Court functions may or may not be provided.

▶ Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian:

I have read the above statements and agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in all aspects of Oconto County Teen Court.

▶ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return by the Last Monday in April to:

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