

## Why Should You Become a Youth Volunteer?



# Pinal County Teen Court

There are many benefits for youth Teen Court volunteers. Here are just a few of those benefits:

- ◆ You get the opportunity to improve your public speaking, debating and interviewing skills
- ◆ If you have an interest in being a lawyer or judge, this is a GREAT way to find out if it's for you! You get HANDS ON experience in the judicial system
- ◆ Teen Court looks GREAT on college, scholarship and job applications, AND it can count as community service hours!
- ◆ And finally, you WILL be making the community a better place while having fun!

### Mission Statement

*The goal of the Pinal County Teen Court Program is to inspire youth to work towards a crime free future by empowering positive thinking, instilling self-confidence, fostering positive social supports and family engagement while restoring victims and communities*

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## What is Teen Court?

The Teen Court program is a Diversion Program designed to provide juvenile offenders with an alternative to the formal juvenile justice system when possible.

Teen Court provides the only venue in the Juvenile Court system wherein a youth's case is deliberated by a true jury of their peers.

Holding youth accountable in this direct way provides them with a unique opportunity to accept responsibility for their offense and actively make amends to the victim, their family and the community.

At the same time, the student volunteers who participate as judges, jurors, attorneys, victim advocates, clerks and bailiffs gain an educational experience and a sense of pride in assisting youth, the community and all that are impacted by juvenile crime.

## Description of Meetings

In Teen Court, volunteers meet for two different types of meetings:

### **Teen Court Case Prep**

Prep meetings help the youth volunteers prepare for upcoming cases. This includes completing all necessary paperwork and practicing for the hearing. Prep is intended for Teen Court Members only.

### **Teen Court Hearings**

The Teen Court Hearing is when the actual case is heard with a Judge. Hearings are private and confidential.



## **Requirements**

- \* A desire to join our program and a commitment to helping others!
- \* Between the ages of 12–18
- \* Understand CONFIDENTIALITY, and consider all information regarding court hearings to be confidential
- \* Have a basic understanding of professionalism in the courtroom



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