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*Teen Court*

*You may be given  
the option of  
attending...*

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# Teen Court

## What is teen court?

Teen Court offers eligible youth an alternative to Juvenile Court – they receive a sentence from their peers.

## Why a teen court?

Teen Court offers eligible youth an opportunity to take responsibility for their actions. It provides positive peer pressure with community-based consequences.

## Benefits of Teen Court

When juvenile offenders successfully complete their Teen Court sentence, they will have the conviction removed from their record. This is a real second chance to prove that mistakes can be turned into positive choices. Parents are no longer held totally accountable. The juvenile becomes responsible for his/her actions. The community is able to see teens being held accountable for their actions. Volunteers are given a chance to make a difference in the lives of young people.

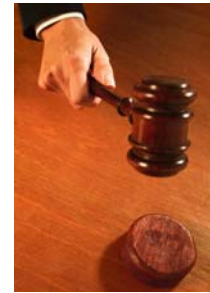


## To Participate:

You must be referred by Juvenile Intake or the court and meet EACH of the following requirements:



1. You must be between the ages of 11 and 16 and have committed a misdemeanor crime or ordinance violation such as:
  - shoplifting
  - disorderly conduct
  - under age drinking or smoking
  - receiving or concealing stolen property
  - trespassing
  - minor property offenses
  - obstructing an officer
  - possession of marijuana or paraphernalia
  - natural resource violations
  - other appropriate offenses
2. You must admit to committing the offense with which you have been charged. You must also be willing to participate in Teen Court and be willing to follow its rules.
3. You must have a parent/guardian who is willing to accompany you to Teen Court.



If you would like to participate in Teen Court, you must notify the Circuit Court Judge should he/she give you the option at your hearing in Circuit Court.

**You must attend your court hearing on the date listed on the citation even if you intend (desire) to elect to participate in the Ashland County Teen Court process.**

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