



**LINCOLN COUNTY TEEN COURT**

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**Lincoln County Teen Court Panel Member Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

What skills and qualities do you have that would help you as a Teen Court member?

Explain in your own words what the importance of keeping the oath of confidentiality means.

Describe what a role model is. How do you plan on being a role model in your school and in the community?

What do you hope to gain from being on the Teen Court panel?

List the other extra curricular and community activities that you are involved in, including work. (Please use the back of this sheet if necessary.)

I hereby certify the facts set forth in the above application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Parent/Guardian signature below indicates that my child has permission to serve as a Teen Court Panel member.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Youth Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*\*Return to the Teen Court Coordinator by Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007\*\***

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### **What is Teen Court?**

Teen Court is an alternative to Juvenile Court being offered in Lincoln County for first time, misdemeanor offenses. Youth who appear in Teen Court will receive a sentence from a panel of their peers that provides them with an opportunity to take responsibility for their actions.

### **Consider Becoming a Teen Court Panel Member**

#### **Who is eligible to serve as a Teen Court Panel Member?**

- Youth from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Youth will be selected through an application process
- Teachers may also nominate students to be considered for the panel
- Youth panel members must have passing grades in all classes, have parental consent, and keep a clean record with no suspensions from school to serve

#### **What is my commitment as a Teen Court Panel Member:**

- To attend a two-day initial training in January or February of 2008.
- Serve on a 4-5 youth panel periodically for Teen Court sessions which will be held on Saturday mornings twice a month – once in the Merrill area and once in the Tomahawk area. A pool of youth will be trained as panel members.
- Participate in de-briefing sessions held at the end of Teen Court sessions where you serve as a panel member.
- Attend trainings that may be held periodically throughout the year.
- Observe a code of confidentiality. Cases heard in Teen Court are not to be discussed with anyone outside the session.
- Be willing to work a part of a team.

#### **How do I apply to be a Teen Court Panel Member?**

- Complete and return the application by Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 to your school office or the Teen Court Coordinator.

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