

## What are the Benefits of Participating in Teen Court?

Teen volunteers gain valuable experience learning the judicial process. Time volunteered can be **credited toward community service hours required by school organizations**. Teen Court involvement is a **plus for college applicants**, and volunteers gain a sense of fulfillment knowing they have impacted another teen's life in a positive way. Volunteers who are graduating from high school may apply for a scholarship to assist with college, if funds are available.

## How Does a Volunteer Get Started?

Teens interested in volunteering should contact the Teen Court Coordinator to get info on observing a Teen Court session once. At that time, the volunteer will pick up a packet and info sheet. Upon turning in the volunteer info sheet, their info will be added to our system, and the volunteer will start receiving info about upcoming Teen Court sessions/events, enabling them to register for them. **New volunteers are accepted anytime during the year**. Volunteer hours are awarded for attendance.

*Please contact the Teen Court Coordinator at 972.219.3671 for more information.*

[www.cityoflewisville.com](http://www.cityoflewisville.com)

[www.flower-mound.com](http://www.flower-mound.com)

Lewisville/Flower Mound Teen Court  
P.O. Box 299002, Lewisville, TX 75029-9002



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Teen Court is held on Tuesday night  
beginning at 5:30 p.m.

*You must be on time to participate.*

View website, or contact Teen Court  
Coordinator for dates/locations

### *Dress Code Strictly Enforced*

Everyone attending Teen Court should be dressed in clothing respecting the dignity of the court. No shorts, sagging or torn jeans (must be school appropriate), pajama pants, tank tops, midriff or halter tops, torn clothing, caps, hats, or bandanas, flip flops or shower shoes are allowed.

Shadows, Attorneys, Bailiffs and Master Jury Judges are expected to wear "business" dress clothing:

**Ladies: business casual dress**  
(Blouse, long skirts or slacks)

**Gentlemen: business casual dress**  
(Shirt, nice slacks or cargo pants)

# Lewisville Flower Mound Teen Court



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## VOLUNTEERS



## What is Teen Court?

Teen Court is a voluntary program, which allows juvenile Class C misdemeanor offenders to "pay" for their citation through community service and involvement in the judicial process. These cases are presented by volunteer Teen Court attorneys to a jury of the defendant's peers made up of volunteers from local secondary schools and returning youth who were previous defendants.

The jury members then assess a sentence of community service following the guidelines of the sentencing grid found in this brochure. Teen Court is a "hands on" educational opportunity, which allows teen offenders and teen volunteers to better understand our system of justice. Additionally, the offender pays no fine, and upon successful completion of Teen Court the charges will be dismissed and removed from the youth's permanent record.

## Who is Eligible for Teen Court?

Youths age 10-17 who are currently enrolled in school or a home school program may request Teen Court from the municipal judge for most Class C misdemeanors and city ordinance violations. The defendant must enter a plea of "guilty" or "nolo contendere" for referral to Teen Court.

### *Parental consent and participation is required*

## How is Teen Court Possible in the State of Texas?

Teen Court is authorized under Texas law in Article 45.55 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and Article 54.032 of the Family Code.

## What is the cost for the program?

Defendants (those w/tickets) must pay a \$20.00 Teen Court fee to the court prior to the youth's sentencing hearing and it is non-refundable.

## Teen Court Sentence Grid

Sentencing consists of assigned number of community service hours to be completed at a non-profit agency, plus a required number of jury terms. The Sentence Grid (shown below) details the range of punishment for each offense.

### **Class 1 Includes but not limited to:**

(6-18 C/S Hours and 1-3 Jury Terms)

Speeding 1-10 mph over posted limit  
Fail to Control Speed  
Equipment Violations  
Seat Belt  
No Turn Signal  
Improper Turn  
Parking Violations

### **Class 2 Includes but not limited to:**

(15-30 C/S Hours and 1-3 Jury Terms)

Speeding 11-20 mph  
Driver's License Violations  
Fail to Yield Right-of-Way  
Unsafe Lane Change  
Disobey Traffic Control Device  
Stop Sign/Red Light Violations

### **Class 3 Includes but not limited to:**

(28-46 C/S Hours and 2-4 Jury Terms)

City Ordinance Violations  
Class Disruption  
Curfew Violation  
Criminal Mischief u/\$50  
Following too closely  
No Insurance  
Possession of Tobacco  
Speeding 21-25 mph over posted limit  
Speeding (school zone 1-10 mph over limit)

### **Class 4 Includes but not limited to:**

(42-60 C/S Hours and 2-4 Jury Terms)

Speeding 26 mph or over  
Speeding (school zone 11 mph over plus)  
Theft under \$100  
Possess Drug Paraphernalia  
Alcohol/Drug Offenses  
Assault/Disorderly Conduct

## Volunteer Information

### What Volunteer Positions are Available for Teens?

The Teen Court program allows teens to serve as defense and prosecuting attorneys, Master Jury Judge, bailiffs, and jurors. Teens may choose which roles are of interest to them.

### How do I Become a Teen Court Volunteer?

Teens between the ages of 13-17, residing in the greater Lewisville/Flower Mound area, and enrolled in LISD or homeschooled in middle school or high school, are eligible to volunteer. Interested youth may observe a court session and then fill out an information sheet to participate in the program.

Adults are welcome to volunteer to assist with monitoring teen sessions, sign-ins, and training.

Volunteering to work for Teen Court is an educational and rewarding opportunity for both teens and adults.

### Where are Teen Court Hearings Held?

Teen Court proceedings are held twice a month on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. rotating between the Lewisville Municipal Court and Flower Mound Municipal Court.

#### **Flower Mound Municipal Court**

4150 Kirkpatrick Lane  
Flower Mound, Texas 75028  
972-874-3370 (*for directions only*)

#### **Lewisville Municipal Court**

1197 W. Main St.  
Lewisville, Texas 75067  
972-219-3671