

Make a Difference in Your Life and the Lives of Others

Teen Court offers an opportunity for hands-on experience in our justice system. Want to become an attorney, law enforcement officer or federal agent? If so, Teen Court will help you make that dream a reality.

Teen Court is a rewarding experience for volunteers. As part of this program participants earn community service hours, make life-long connections and may even become eligible to receive Teen Court scholarships.



Teen Court is held in this historic courthouse!



Based on projected involvement levels and the State Attorney's Office ongoing circuit-wide juvenile citation initiative with local law enforcement, we anticipate the need for expansion of services for our Teen Court participants and their family members, too.

**Contact Teen Court
Manager Stacey Smith and
her team for more info.**



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**You can be part of this
award-winning program!**

Who Can Participate?

Teen Court is for youth ages 12 to 18. Each position (defense and prosecuting attorneys, bailiff, clerk, jurors) is held by teens with the exception of the judge who is an adult member of the Florida Bar Association.

Mandatory Dress Code

Teens are expected to wear dress pants/slacks, collared shirts (tucked in), and/or courtroom appropriate dresses, skirts and blouses. Teens may not wear jeans, shorts, Capri pants or leggings, long chains, spiked jewelry, sunglasses, hats, flip flops, tops that expose shoulders/stomach, shirts with offensive logos/wording, short/tight clothing or facial piercings. Remember, it is each teenager's responsibility to dress appropriately. **No excuses are accepted for dress code noncompliance.**



Courtroom Roles

A trial routine is followed. Prosecution and defense attorneys make opening statements, defendants take the witness stand and are questioned, closing arguments are made and the case is handed over to the teen jury.

These jurors decide a fair and just punishment for the crime. Jury duties, peer circles, and Juvenile Crime Prevention classes are held in the 1890 Historic Courthouse at 915 Walnut Street in Green Cove Springs. Visit clayclerk.com, scroll down and click on **Teen Court** for details today.



Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office

"I am very proud of Clay County Teen Court, of the Clerk's Office staff who make it a success, and of the accomplishments of the young participants. Some teens are defendants who take this intervention opportunity and allow it to be a catalyst for a new, positive future. Others seek out Teen Court for its volunteer roles, learning the skills needed to become attorneys. I encourage you to get involved in this awesome, expanding program that continues to make a real difference in our community."

Tara S. Green

Purpose & Goal

Teen Court gives first-time offenders (12 to 18 years of age) a second chance while still holding them accountable for their actions. Youthful law violators must stand before a jury of their peers and accept all sanctions imposed upon them by the teenage jury members. It is our goal to provide a safe forum for young people to speak out against criminal behavior exhibited by their peers.

Teen Court —

**where teenagers
are the solution,
not the problem.**