

Oneida County Teen Court Mission:

To benefit youth and the community by providing an alternative method of adjudicating first time juvenile offenses giving youth the opportunity to become accountable

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Oneida County Teen Court,
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You have been
given an
opportunity to attend



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What is Teen Court?

- Teen Court offers eligible youth an alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system. Youth will receive meaningful sanctions from their peers.

Why 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 sanctions, they will have the offense removed from their record. Youth get a true second chance to make positive choices.
- Parents are no longer held totally responsible. The youth is held accountable.
- The community is able to see youth being held accountable and benefit from their community service and learning.
- Volunteer panelists are given a chance to make a difference in the

To participate in Teen Court you must be referred by Oneida County Juvenile Court Intake and meet **EACH** of the following requirements:

1. You must be between the ages of 10 and 16 and have committed a first-time misdemeanor crime or ordinance violation such as:

- Shoplifting and theft
- Disorderly conduct
- Tobacco violations
- Underage alcohol violations
- Marijuana and drug violations
- Trespassing
- Criminal damage to property
- Traffic violations
- Other offenses that the court feels are appropriate for Teen Court

2. You must admit guilt to the violation for which you have been charged.

3. You must have a parent/guardian who is willing to accompany you to Teen Court.

4. You must be willing to participate in Teen Court, be honest in front of your peers and follow all rules and sanctions ordered at Teen Court.

Currently, Oneida County Teen Court is only being held virtually via Zoom to ensure the safety of all participants.

Families who voluntarily choose to participate in the teen court process must:

- Complete and return the intake paperwork within 7 days of juvenile intake along with a payment of:
**\$10 for youth ages 10-13 OR
\$20 for youth ages 14-16**
(Checks made out to: Oneida County Teen Court)
- Attend the virtual teen court hearing at the specified date and time.

Please notify the teen court coordinator if you need assistance paying the program fees. No one will be denied the program due to their inability to pay.

Also, please notify the teen court coordinator if you have concerns about the technology requirements for the hearing process.