

Oneida County Teen Court Panelist Position Description

Court Locations:

Lakeland Union High School 9573 State Highway 70 Minocqua, WI 54548	Oneida County Courthouse 1 S. Oneida Avenue Rhineland, WI 54501	Virtual via Zoom
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Term of Appointment: One year with the option to renew annually until graduation

Panelist Responsibilities:

1. Engage in the juvenile justice system in ways that promote restorative justice for youth offenders
2. Attend scheduled Teen Court hearings; notify Teen Court Coordinator when unable to participate
3. Conduct one's self within the established guidelines for the Oneida County Teen Court
4. Honor the Oath of Confidentiality for Teen Court panelists at all times
5. Participate in Teen Court hearings; question youth offender and his/her parent/guardian
6. Accept and fulfill role as Teen Court spokesperson, escort, recorder as appropriate
7. Hold juvenile offenders accountable for their actions by issuing fair and innovative sanctions
8. Attend and engage in annual Teen Court Panelist trainings
9. Serve as an advocate for Oneida County Teen Court
10. Assist in additional responsibilities as opportunities arise

Panelist Qualifications:

- Be enrolled in an Oneida County high school or virtual school
- Ability to participate in virtual teen court hearings by having appropriate technology, internet access and a confidential space (until in-person hearings can be held safely again)
- Ability to attend scheduled cases during the school day in either Minocqua or Rhineland (when in-person hearings are held again)
- Access to transportation to attend Teen Court hearings, if needed
- Ability to identify issues related to first time juvenile offenders who are involved in the judicial system
- Demonstrate respect at all times
- Ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds, including socio-economic, racial, ethnic, disability, gender, cultural
- Good organizational and communication skills
- Willing to openly express themselves to both a youth and adult audience
- Positive attitude and commitment to teamwork in collaborative environment
- Views position as a learning experience for self and others
- Ability to think creatively and flexibly to solve problems