



## ONEIDA COUNTY TEEN COURT PROCESS



CIRCUIT COURT

Plead guilty to the offense before the Circuit Court Judge

Get forms to Oneida Extension Office within 1 week



MAIL, EMAIL OR DROP OFF



CASE IS SCHEDULED

Cases are heard one of 3 ways:

- At courthouse in person
- On campus in person
- Over zoom

Panelists interview both respondents and their parent/guardians. Sanctions are customized for each person.



CASE IS HEARD BY TEEN PANELISTS

Sanctions are not completed correctly and/or on time. Case goes back to Court. Pay fine, have permanent record.

FAILURE



Sanctions are completed correctly and/or on time. No fine, no record.

SUCCESS

## ONEIDA COUNTY TEEN COURT CONTACT INFORMATION:

### MAILING ADDRESS:

Teen Court Coordinator  
UW-Extension Office  
Nicolet College, Northwoods Center  
PO Box 518  
Rhinelander, WI 54501

### EMAIL:

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### PHONE:

Call or text (608) 381-2661

## WHERE CASES ARE HEARD

### RHINELANDER

At the courthouse, usually in the County Board Room.

### LAKELAND

On campus



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## ONEIDA COUNTY Teen Court

Our mission: To benefit youth and the community by providing an alternative method of adjudicating first-time, minor juvenile offenses.

We give youth the opportunity to be restored to their place in the community while being accountable for their actions.



## WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT TEEN COURT?

### **PEER-TO-PEER**

Youth care about the opinions of their peers. Teen Court cases are heard, and decided, by a panel of high school students.

### **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

Panelists are trained in restorative justice practices - sanctions are customized for each case according to the facts and what the panelists learn.

Panelists assign educational sanctions to prevent respondents from getting in trouble again.

## WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO BE A PANELIST?

- Youth in high school - 8<sup>th</sup> graders may apply the spring before they start high school.
- Teen Court goes year round except July and August.

## QUALITIES YOU NEED TO HAVE:

- **Great Communication Skills**
  - Great listener
  - Read body language
  - Ask questions
  - Keep up with emails/texts
- **Empathy:** Be willing to try to find out how other people live.
- **Team Player:** All cases are heard by a group of panelists and the decisions must be unanimous.
- **Integrity:** Panelists must not engage in activities they might be cited or suspended for.
- **Discretion:** ALL information about Teen Court cases is strictly confidential. Panelists who break this rule will be removed from the program.
- **Time Management:** Be able to keep up with assignments when missing classes.
  - RHS usually hears cases one day a month at the courthouse starting at 8 a.m.
  - LUHS usually hear cases one day a month on campus.
  - We try to limit cases to 2 in a row, however, we never know how many cases we will get. Plan on volunteering several hours per month.

## GETTING STARTED!



## APPLY!

- 1 Scan the QR Code above, or visit <https://oneida.extension.wisc.edu/positive-youth-development/teencourt/> for an application.
- 2 The Oneida County Teen Court Coordinator will contact you to schedule an in-person interview.
- 3 Attend a Teen Court training session.
- 4 Observe at least one case before committing to full participation.
- 5 Sit in on at least three cases before volunteering as the spokesperson during a hearing.