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WEBB COUNTY TEEN COURT PROGRAM
TEEN VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

I, _____, agree to participate in the Webb County Teen Court Program of Serving Children and Adults In Need as a teen volunteer. I understand that participation is entirely voluntary and I can stop my participation in the program at any time I decide to.

I understand that the cases that will be heard in court are real cases and that all the information presented in court is to be kept confidential. I agree to resist sharing any information that is presented in court with individuals that are not involved with the teen court program. I understand that this limitation includes family and friends and applies to discussion of court cases in public places other than the courtroom.

I also agree to comply with the rules of the court, including the dress code. I understand that failure to abide by the rules of the courtroom or the dress code can result in the inability to participate in the court proceeding for the day or the ineligibility to continue participating in further proceedings, depending on the severity of my behavior. I also agree to abide by all legal mandates and school rules of conduct while volunteering in the program. I understand that incurring legal charges or facing disciplinary action at school may also render me unable to participate in the program as a volunteer and program staff must be informed promptly if this occurs.

Rules of the Court Include:

- Participate free of bias or prejudice toward any other person's age, race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability and not allow any outside influence, such as other members, parents, fellow students, or your own self-interest, affect actions or decision during proceedings
- Appear promptly and prepared for all Teen Court required training sessions and court appearances that are assigned to me.
- Perform the role (Juror, Attorney, or Bailiff) as effectively and competently as possible
- Behave in a dignified and courteous manner in the courtroom and treat all individuals involved in the proceedings with courtesy and consideration. This includes that volunteer teens serving as attorneys will not ask questions that are intended to harass or degrade any individual.
- Must not knowingly use perjured or false testimony or statements.
- Must not knowingly fail to disclose or exchange evidence which you are required by the teen court training to reveal to your opponent.
- A teen volunteer serving as a defense attorney, unless the client agrees, must not reveal a confidence or secret or use such confidence or secret to the disadvantage of the client.
- A teen volunteer serving as the prosecuting attorney must not communicate with the client in the case, other than for cross-examination.

- A teen volunteer serving as attorney (prosecution or defense) will refrain from interacting with members of the jury in regards to the case under consideration outside of what is required by the court proceeding.
- A teen court volunteer must dress appropriately when participating in a teen court proceeding.

DRESS CODE AND CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS FOR COURT PROCEEDINGS

- No caps or hats
- No shorts or short skirts
- No t-shirts, tank tops or exposed midriffs
- No inappropriate logos or images on clothing
- No tom or dirty clothing
- No sagging pants or exposed underwear
- No sunglasses
- No Flip-Flops
- No cell phones
- No gum, candy, food, or drinks

I, _____, acknowledge that I have received a copy of the rules of the court and the dress code and agree to abide by them.

Volunteer Signature

Date

I, _____, allow my son/daughter to participate in the Webb County Teen Court Program of Serving Children and Adults In Need, as a teen volunteer. I have read and agree to the guidelines listed in the Teen Volunteer Agreement.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date