



HEB TEEN COURT
(817) 952-2468

TEEN COURT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Note: This scholarship is intended for a graduating senior who is a current HEB Teen Court volunteer. This application must be returned to the HEB Teen Court office no later than January 25th of the year you are graduating. Applications will only be accepted from graduating seniors.

Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City Zip

Home/Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Name of Mother/Father (guardian) _____

Signature of parent (guardian) _____

GPA _____ Class Rank ____ of _____ SAT/ACT score (if taken) _____

Approximate date you started as a Teen Court Volunteer _____

Please answer the following – you may use the back or attach an additional page if needed:

Describe extracurricular activities (other than Teen Court) that you have been involved in from 9th grade through your senior year.

List any awards or honors you have received 9th-12th grade:

List any other scholarships you have applied for, or have been awarded (list name and amount):

List all colleges, universities or other higher education programs to which you have applied
(please attach copy of those applications or acceptance letter)

Applicant's Signature _____

Write a 500-750 word typewritten essay on:

What Teen Court has meant to me?

What I have learned from Teen Court?

How do you think the Teen Court process could be improved?

OR

How has your volunteer experience helped better prepare you for life after high school?

** Include memories of events and/or people you have met through Teen Court.



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The Scholarship Program was started by Bedford Municipal Judge, Tim Murphy, to award scholarships to Teen Court volunteers upon graduating from high school. In the past, funds have been raised from various sources such as Murphy's 5K Run, direct solicitation from local attorneys, City of Bedford FourthFest and the City of Euless Arbor Daze. Scholarship awards have varied depending on two factors: the number of qualified applicants and the amount of funds available. Guidelines for qualifying, terms of the awards and other information regarding application and award are discussed below.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

1. You must be an active volunteer. "Active" is defined as participating in at least two court sessions per three months and participating in at least one of the major scholarship fund raisers during each 12 month year the student is a volunteer – if any were available. For example, if the volunteer joins Teen Court in September, the fundraiser participation can be anytime from that September to the next September. A typed list of court dates and fundraisers must be attached to the application.
2. Provide proof of application to a college or trade school. A photocopy of an application is adequate. This should be attached to the application. If a student has already received an acceptance, a copy of that acceptance letter may be attached instead of the application.
3. Provide proof of a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale. A photocopy of a school report card is sufficient. In the case of home schooled volunteers, this requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Teen Court Board.
4. Be an example of proper conduct in your school and community. Evidence of actions otherwise, if known by the Board, may be reason to disregard an application.

DEADLINES

1. Application/information forms should be available on the HEB Teen Court webpage. These will also be kept at the Teen Court office.

2. **Completed applications must be returned to the HEB Teen Court office by January 25th (unless an exception is made) of the student's senior year.**
3. The Coordinator announces recipients in early April or May of the student's senior year. Exact amount information may not be available until the end of May.

AWARD PROCEDURES

1. If all paperwork is in order, high school counseling office may be informed of the award by early April in order for the recipient to be recognized at any school assembly called for that purpose.
2. If possible, a representative of the Teen Court Advisory Board will be available to attend the assembly and personally present a certificate to the winner(s).
3. Checks will be written from the Teen Court Scholarship account directly to the college/school where the student will be attending. **It is the responsibility of the student to provide all necessary information to the Board.**
4. The Teen Court Advisory Board Scholarship Committee decides scholarship amounts. Time and quality of commitment of the teen volunteer is the primary consideration when deciding award amounts. Generally, those volunteers with a lengthy and involved participation in Teen Court will receive the highest awards. Division of available funds is at the discretion of the Committee – multiple variables preclude use of a specific formula. Award proposals are approved by majority vote of a quorum of the Board. Applicants, if current members of the Board, may not vote on the proposal.
5. A scholarship recipient has five calendar years in which to claim the award. A delay of five years allows for planned or unexpected events such as: military service, family or personal emergencies or other commitments which may delay college entrance. If unclaimed at the end of five years, funds designated for a recipient will be returned to the scholarship fund account.