

# Colonie Youth Court Volunteer Juror Registration

## **What is the Colonie Youth Court?**

Colonie Youth Court addresses early anti-social, delinquent and criminal behavior. In the Colonie Youth Court, a youth that has admitted guilt for a crime or offense appears for a sentencing hearing before a jury of their peers. Colonie Youth Court members (high school age students who have completed an 8-week law related required course of training) in the role of prosecutor or defender present evidence relevant to aggravation and mitigation of offense conduct, the jury deliberates, and passes sentence. Sentences stress rehabilitative goals, and typically include an assigned number of community service and serve on a future Colonie Youth Court jury as the final two hours of service assigned by his/her jury.

## **What is a Volunteer Juror in the Colonie Youth Court?**

Jurors will be drawn from many young people in grades 7-12 who wish to participate. Volunteer jurors may serve without the need to take a course of instruction. In addition, each jury will include a Jury Foreperson, who is a member of Youth Court, and each jury may include offenders whose cases have been adjudicated previously in the Colonie Youth Court. Jurors may participate on a particular Thursday evening at the Town of Colonie Public Safety Building in the dedicated courtroom from approximately 6:10 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jurors are called at home usually 3-5 days in advance to schedule jury duty on a Colonie Youth Court case.

## **What is a Member of Colonie Youth Court?**

Colonie Youth Court members are of high school age and will consist of young people who have completed a multiweek course of law related instruction. Areas of instruction will include an overview of the criminal justice system from arrest through appeal, organization of youth court, including jurisdiction, operation, procedure and roles, penal law, consequences of crime to victims, courts, police, probation office, and the community at large, the role of sentencing in rehabilitative actions and programs that are offenders, the range and effectiveness of rehabilitative actions and programs that are available and sentencing issues, including aggravating and mitigating circumstances, and the nature and type of evidence that is admissible and probative in sentencing. Colonie Youth Court members serve in the roles of prosecutor, defender, judge, victim advocate, clerk, and jury foreperson on actual juvenile cases.

Yes, I would like to become a volunteer juror of the Colonie Youth Court!

Please **PRINT** when completing the following information for juror registration.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of  
Your School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level in  
**Sept. 2023 - Aug. 2024:** \_\_\_\_\_

Juror Forms can be mailed to:  
**Colonie Youth Court  
Public Safety Center  
312 Wolf Road  
Latham, NY 12110**

For Colonie Youth Court Membership enrollment information please call Violet Palombo at 518-782-2638.