



## **Independence Youth Court**

*Serving the youth of Independence since 1985*

111 East Maple

Independence, Missouri 64050

816-325-7750 or 816-325-7107

Email: [youthct@indepmo.org](mailto:youthct@indepmo.org)

[www.Independenceyc.com](http://www.Independenceyc.com)

To All Potential Volunteer Attorney Trainees:

**Fall training for the Independence Youth Court will begin Thursday, September 8, 2022.** You may obtain a trainee application from the high school office, a debate coach, school counselor, law class teacher, or School Resource Officer, along with a copy of the 2022 training schedule. Also, printable versions of Youth Court's application and training schedule are available on the website listed above.

### **Requirements for new attorneys:**

- **A trainee application should be completed before you arrive for the first training**
- **All applications MUST BE SIGNED by a parent or guardian**
- **Students must be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or higher**
- **Students must have at least a "C" grade average**
- **Students must have a good school attendance record and no discipline violations**

If you meet the above listed requirements, you are eligible for training. **You will not be notified by Youth Court that you have been accepted into the program.** Acceptance is automatic. Please appear for training with your completed application. To complete Youth Court training, *you must attend sessions and pass a written Bar Exam.*

Youth Court "courtroom attire" for **both males and females** is dress slacks (no white, khaki, or jeans) and dress shoes.

- For **young men** a dress shirt is required. A suit jacket and tie look nice but is not required.
- For **young women** a dress shirt or blouse. Blouses should not be too short, tight, or revealing. A suit jacket is nice as well, but not required. Skirts or dresses may be worn but the length must be to the knees.

If your attire is not acceptable for court, you may be sent home to change or not allowed to participate that evening.

**If you are involved in other school activities that will require you to miss any training sessions, please speak with Judge Watkins before leaving the first training session.**

Thank you for your interest in Independence Youth Court. I look forward to meeting you at training.

Sincerely,

Judge Susan G. Watkins  
Executive Director

**YOUTH COURT ATTORNEY APPLICATION**

**youthct@indepmo.org**

**816-325-7750 or 815-325-7107**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL LAST NAME

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

List your current school activities and any offices held:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any outside activities:

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**PARENT INFORMATION**

Parent #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\* MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO PARTICIPATE\*\*\*\***

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give my student permission to participate in the Youth Court program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_







## Independence Youth Court Fall 2022 Training Schedule

816-325-7750

Email: [youthct@indepmo.org](mailto:youthct@indepmo.org)

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**SIGN IN EACH NIGHT PROMPTLY AT 5:00 p.m. Pick up at 7:30 p.m.**

**All Training will be held at Independence Municipal Court, 111 E Maple, Independence, MO**

Thursday, September 8, 2022 **5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

\*Bring completed application to the first session, signed by a parent.

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Thursday, November 10, 2022 **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

\* The Attorney Bar Exam will be taken the last hour

**Please bring paper and a pen to all training sessions.**

**Trainees are required to wear courtroom attire to all training sessions.**

\*Courtroom attire for Youth Court purposes is dress slacks (Not White, Khaki, or Jeans) and dress shoes. A dress shirt for young men (suit jacket and tie always looks nice), or for young ladies a dress shirt or blouse (blouse should not be too tight or revealing). A suit jacket also looks nice for the young ladies and/or skirts with the length to the knees.

\*\*\*If the courtroom attire is not acceptable, you may be sent home to change!

**SNACKS are available during the breaks– BRING QUARTERS**

TUESDAY, November 15, 2022 - Graduation Ceremony & Reception 7:00 p.m.

**Graduation is at the Fort Osage High School Performing Arts Center, 2101 N Twyman Rd, Independence, MO 64058. – west side of the campus**

**\*\*\*Students should arrive by 6:30 p.m. and be dressed in courtroom attire**

**Parents and guests will not be seated in the auditorium until 6:50 p.m.**

