



Independence Youth Court

Serving the youth of Independence since 1985

111 East Maple

Independence, Missouri 64050

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To All Potential Volunteer Attorney Trainees:

The **NEW in-person fall training** for the Independence Youth Court will begin on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Please obtain a **trainee application online at Independenceyc.com** or from the high school office, a debate/law coach, a school counselor, or a School Resource Officer along with a copy of the 2023 training schedule.

Independence Youth Court volunteer training requirements for new attorneys are as follows:

1. Complete the trainee application, have a parent sign it, and turn it in to the Youth Court office by **Wednesday, September 13th by email at youthct@indepmo.org**.
2. Students must be in the 8th grade or higher.
3. Students must have at least a “C” grade average and bring Proof of Grades to the first training session.
4. Students must have good school attendance record and no discipline violations.

If you meet the above listed requirements, you are eligible to attend training for the Independence Youth Court. You will **not** be notified by Youth Court that you have been accepted into the program. It is automatic that you are accepted as a volunteer and you should appear for training the first evening. To successfully complete Youth Court training you must participate in all training sessions and pass a written Bar Exam.

*Please dress in courtroom attire for all training sessions. For Youth Court purposes, “courtroom attire” is dark dress slacks (Not white, khaki or jeans) and dress shoes. A dress shirt and tie for young men (a suit jacket also looks nice) and for young women a dress shirt or blouse (blouse should not be too short, tight or revealing & a suit jacket is nice as well). If the attire is not acceptable for court, you may be sent home to change or not allowed to participate at that court session.

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

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan G. Watkins".

Judge Susan G. Watkins
Executive Director



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Fall 2023 Training Schedule

SIGN IN PROMPTLY AT 5:00 p.m. Pick up at 8:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.
All Training will be held at Independence Municipal Court, 111 E Maple, Independence, MO

Thursday, September 14, 2023 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*Bring completed application to the first session, signed by a parent. Must also bring a copy of most recent grades.
You must have, and maintain, a C average.

Thursday, September 28, 2023 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 12, 2023 5:00 p.m. to **8:30 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 your attire is not acceptable, you may be sent home to change!

SNACKS are available during the breaks– BRING QUARTERS

THURSDAY, October 19, 2023 - Graduation Ceremony & Reception 7:00 p.m.

Graduation location to be determined.

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

Parents and guests will not be seated until 6:50 p.m.