



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Canyons School District Peer Court. This program is one of over a thousand youth courts throughout the country. Ours will be the second peer court in the state of Utah facilitated by a school district. A peer court allows students who violate school or district rules to be heard by a panel of their peers rather than being referred to juvenile court. Discipline or a disposition will be issued by the youth panel of judges. Our focus will be on restorative justice throughout the district.

We are currently recruiting applicants for our 2020-2021 school year. The requirements are:

- You must be in 10th-12th grade for the 2020-2021 school year.
- You must be enrolled in a Canyons School District high school.
- You must commit to attending Peer Court the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- You must complete 20 hours of training (this will be provided in the summer) prior to being on the court.
- You must pass a criminal background check.
- Your parents must endorse your application.
- Your school counselor must endorse your application.

Please fill out the attached application and return it to Charisse Hilton, program administrator, Responsive Services Department, Canyons School District. You can also scan it and email it to

Charisse.hilton@canyonsdistrict.org . Applications are due May 20, 2020

Peer court is an excellent opportunity to learn about the criminal justice system and legal systems, serve your community as well as providing leadership opportunities to the student panel. A panel member may earn .25 elective credit upon completion of the court year. (This will be arranged through your guidance counselor) Peer court is also an excellent experience to share on a college or career resume'.

More information regarding training and the summer conference will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Charisse Hilton, Program Administrator, 801-826-5140,

Charisse.hilton@canyonsdistrict.org

Sincerely,

Charisse A. Hilton, Program Administrator

Responsive Services Department

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address (include zip code please) _____

School Administrator _____

I support this student's application to be a peer court panel member.

1. Why are you interested in being a member of the Peer Court?

2. What other extra-curricular activities are you involved in?

3. Are you able to attend Peer Court the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5:00-7:30p.m.?

4. Do you have any pending charges with the juvenile court or have you had any prior juvenile court involvement?

5. Why do you think being a member of the Canyons Peer Court is important?

6. Why do you feel it is a benefit for young people to stand before a panel of their peers?

I have read and understand the requirements to be a Peer Court panel member. I understand confidentiality is of utmost importance for the good of all students and families involved. I will honor my commitment to serve with integrity, equity, compassion and objectivity.

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent Signature:

Date:

I will support my student as a peer court panel member and respect the values set forth by the peer court.