

## Peer Court Application

**Position Title: Peer Court Volunteer**

### Program Description

Peer Court in San Francisco is part of a national movement of youth-led Restorative Justice programs also known as youth courts and teen courts.

Youth and adult leaders work together with victims, families and community members on actual juvenile justice cases and school discipline cases. By resolving these cases, facilitators can prevent arrests and suspensions while helping to improve the community in real ways.

Peer Court is an excellent opportunity for youth to improve their schools and neighborhoods, solve real problems, gain skills, work with other local leaders, and help to keep their fellow students away from the juvenile justice system.

### Position Description

**Program Facilitator is a volunteer position. Weekly or monthly service schedule.**

Program Facilitators will perform a combination of the following activities:

- Practice restorative justice in their school or community
- Facilitate small group conferences
- Serve on the Peer Court
- Work with victims of crime and community members
- Lead a team of youth volunteers
- Develop case plans
- Research community assets and needs
- Perform peer mediation
- Design and implement community service projects

### Expectations and Responsibilities

Program Facilitators will be expected to:

- Be at least 12 years of age and live or attend school in San Francisco
- Complete 24-36 hours of training and observation
- Pass a skills test based on training
- Commit to serve on Peer Court for at least 1 year
- Maintain positive behavior at home, in the community and at school
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Complete summer training and school year service plan
- Other Responsibilities as assigned

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, or contact with questions:**

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**PART I—CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Applicant's Contact Info**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

What neighborhood are you from? \_\_\_\_\_

What languages do you speak fluently? \_\_\_\_\_

What race or ethnicity do you identify with? \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (circle one) Male Female Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Contact Info**

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement**

By signing below, we agree to the following terms.....

- **I promise that all information given in this application is true and correct.**
- **I promise keep confidential all personal information I learn at Peer Court.**
- **I give Peer Court permission to use my image and/or my child's image in promotional materials such as photographs, videos, etc.**
- **I give my consent to have a background check performed by the Juvenile Probation Department, LiveScan or other agency to check for current probation status and any history of offenses against minors.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II—BACKGROUND/QUALIFICATIONS**

A. Please list any programs you attend, any leadership experience you have had, jobs you have held, training programs you have completed or community organizations you work with: (List as many or as few as you have. Attach extra pages if you need more space)

**1. Organization, Business or Program** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of time in job/program: \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain your duties and role:

**2. Organization, Business or Program** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of time in job/program: \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain your duties and role:

**3. Organization, Business or Program** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of time in job/program: \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain your duties and role:



**PART IV—RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:**

Give this form to a teacher, counselor, employer or other adult who can recommend you for this program. Return this form with the rest of your application.

**Reference Person:**

**This student is applying for an important position with San Francisco's Peer Court program. Youth facilitators in this program must be smart, serious, and able to act in a mature manner even in difficult situations.**

**Please write a statement explaining why this student is a good candidate. Important personal qualities include: leadership ability and potential, the ability to behave in the community, enthusiasm, maturity and intelligence.**

Reference Person Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization and Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Your statement (you may add separate page if you like):**

Thank you. Please return this application to:  
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