



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Teen Court Scholarship Presentation

PRESENTER: Karen Russell, Teen Court Board Chairperson

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Northeast Tarrant Teen Court Advisory Board created a scholarship donation program to allow the public, as well as teens, to donate to the scholarship fund used to reward and show appreciation to graduating seniors who have participated in the volunteer teen court program. The Teen Court Board is made up of representatives from North Richland Hills, Watauga, Haltom City, and Richland Hills.

Scholarship applicants must meet strict criteria to be eligible for scholarship consideration, including years of volunteer service, an essay, high school transcripts, and a short bio for the panel interview with the Teen Court Advisory Board. This year the Teen Court Board would like to award four scholarships, totaling a \$5,200 to the following participants:

Kendall Jarboe – Graduating Senior from a Home-School program.

Kendall began volunteering in our Court in December 2014. She has been an active Teen Attorney and has been active in our Attorney trainings. She competed in the annual Teen Court Competition in April of this year, against 18 other teams. She plans to attend Biola University, in California, and major in Broadcast Journalism.

Kayla Margenau – Graduating Senior from Richland High School

Kayla began volunteering in our Court in May 2011. She has been an active Teen Attorney, active in our Attorney trainings and competed in the annual Teen Court Competition both this year and last. She plans to attend Tarrant County Community College and major in Criminal Justice.

Nicholas Russell – Graduating Senior from Birdville High School

Nicholas began volunteering in our Court in June 2011. He has been an active Attorney, active in our Attorney trainings and competed in the annual Teen Court Competition last year. He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in U.S. History (Pre-law).



Amanda Roach – Graduating Senior from a Home-School program.

Amanda began volunteering in our Court in October 2015. She has been an active Attorney since then and expressed that she wished she had known about our Teen Court program a lot sooner. We agree, as she has done a great job representing our program. She plans to attend Texas Wesleyan University and major in Mass Communication.

We are very proud of all 4 of these seniors and appreciate their outstanding service to our program.

The Teen Court Board would like to thank the City Councils from all four cities for their continued support of our program, which allows students to serve their community while participating and learning more about the judicial system and how it affects each of us in our everyday lives.