



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** 6/25/2018
SUBJECT: Northeast Tarrant Teen Court Advisory Board Scholarship Presentation
PRESENTER: Karen Russell, Teen Court Advisory Board Chair

SUMMARY:

The Northeast Tarrant Teen Court Advisory Board will be presenting the 2018 Teen Court Scholarships.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

On October 1, 2010 the North Richland Hills Teen Court merged with Teen Courts from Watauga and Haltom City to form the Northeast Tarrant Teen Court or NETTC. On October 1, 2013, Richland Hills joined our program making us a quad-city Teen Court. The Northeast Tarrant Teen Court Advisory Board, made up of representatives from all four cities, created a scholarship donation program to allow the public, as well as teens, to donate to a scholarship fund to be used to reward and show appreciation to graduating seniors who have been part of the volunteer teen court program. Scholarship applicants must meet strict criteria to be eligible for scholarship consideration, including: years of volunteer service; applicant's submitted essay; high school transcripts; biography; and a panel interview with the Teen Court Advisory Board. This year the Teen Court Board would like to award four scholarships totaling \$5,000 to the following participants:

Phoebe Haun – Graduating Senior from a Home-School program

Phoebe began volunteering in our court in March 2016. She has been an active lead teen attorney and has been active in our attorney trainings. She plans to attend University of North Texas and major in Viola Performance.

Richard (Connor) McClure – Graduating Senior from Birdville High School

Connor began volunteering in our court in July 2017. Connor volunteered as a juror and had excellent participation when in Teen Court. He plans to attend Tarrant County College, currently his major is undecided.



Anissa Prieto – Graduating Senior from Richland High School

Anissa began volunteering in our court in April 2014. She has been a helpful and active juror. She plans to attend Texas Christian University and major in Biology.

Adrian Villegas – Graduating Senior from Richland High School

Adrian began volunteering in our court in March 2015. He has been a lead teen attorney and some have argued he gives better closings than licensed attorneys. He plans to attend Tarrant County College to obtain an Associates of Science and plans a career in medicine after graduating with a four year degree.

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

Allow Karen Russell, Northeast Tarrant Teen Court Advisory Board Chair, to present scholarships to the following recipients:

- Phoebe Haun in the amount of \$1,500
- Adrian Villegas in the amount of \$1,500
- Connor McClure in the amount of \$1,000
- Anissa Prieto in the amount of \$1,000