

Warrenville Police Department's Peer Jury Program



To become a peer juror:

- Be between the ages of 13-17
- Possess an interest in helping peers
- Be committed to the Peer Jury Program
- Be willing to work with police, other teens, and the community

If you are interested in serving as a peer Juror, contact Officer Brian Feiler, Peer Jury Coordinator, at (630) 393-2131.

You may also fill out a [Peer Jury Application Form](#) and send it to:

Warrenville Police Department
Attention: Peer Jury Coordinator
3S245 Warren Avenue
Warrenville, IL 60555

The Role of the Peer Juror

A Peer Jury consists of six juvenile jurors and one adult moderator. A Peer Juror is trained and spends time observing prior to serving on a jury. A Peer Juror must approach each case seriously, and in a professional manner. Jurors will question each offender and determine an appropriate sentence.

Each Peer Juror makes a commitment to attend meetings and hearings on a regular basis, and to respect the confidentiality associated with the program. Jurors disqualify themselves from the jury if they know the offender personally. Peer Jurors are *required* to report any attempts to intimidate or influence them.

How Cases are Sent to the Peer Jury

The Peer Jury system operates under the auspices of the Warrenville Police Department. It is designed to provide a meaningful and remedial method of dealing with selected juvenile offenders (under age 17), without referring them to the Juvenile court system. *It does not determine guilt or innocence.*

A case is only sent to the Peer Jury for a hearing when the following occur(s):

- The offender admits having committed the offense
- The assigned police juvenile officer determines that such a disposition is appropriate
- The offender, and his parent or guardian, consents in writing to such a disposition

Going Before the Peer Jury

When the conditions are met, the offender, and his parent or guardian, is scheduled for a hearing before the Peer Jury panel at the Warrenville Police Department. At this hearing, the offender is sworn in, and asked to give a synopsis of the events leading up to his/her arrest. The members of the panel then question the offender. The offender, and his/her parent or guardian(s), withdraw while the Jury deliberates and fixes an appropriate sentence.

Fulfilling the Sentence

The offender performs the assigned sentencing, which typically includes some form of individualized community service. The completion of the sentence is monitored by the Peer Jury Coordinator, who is available to the offender, and may contact the offender if necessary.

Upon completion of community service, the offender's supervisor sends a report on his/her performance to the Peer Jury Coordinator. Any other assigned projects are completed and turned in to the coordinator during the time frame allotted by the sentencing.

Discharge Hearing

At the discharge hearing, the offender and his parents again appear. The panel, which may or may not be the sentencing panel, discuss with the offender his/her experiences while performing the sentence. If satisfactory, the offender is discharged and no further record exists of the offense or punishment. If the performance is incomplete or unsatisfactory, the discharge hearing may be continued, or the offender remanded to the juvenile officer for appropriate court proceedings.

Peer Jury Application



Date: _____

First name: _____ MI: _____ Last name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

Current School Attending: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Have you ever been arrested for a crime? Yes No

If yes, please explain and provide dates: _____

Please attach a one page essay describing why you would like to become a Peer Juror, and what contributions you would bring to the program.

I hereby certify that the information contained in my application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if any of the material facts stated in this application are untrue, I may not be approved for Peer Jury consideration.

(Print Name)

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

Please return completed form to:

Warrenville Police Department, 3S245 Warren Ave., Warrenville, IL 60555

PARENTAL CONSENT
Peer Jury Member Participation
Release and Hold Harmless Agreement



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I, _____, Parent/Legal Guardian of

_____ do hereby give permission for my son/daughter/minor child to voluntarily participate in the Warrenville Police Department Peer Jury program. I understand that he/she will be hearing detailed descriptions of crimes committed by juvenile offenders. I also understand that he/she, after careful consideration of the facts, will be assisting other members of the Peer Jury in determining what, if any, sentence the juvenile offender will be required to perform. During this process, my son/daughter/minor child may be acting as judge, youth advocate, bailiff, or jury member.

In consideration of the foregoing, the undersigned, on behalf of myself and my son/daughter/minor child, hereby release and hold harmless from any and all liability, causes of action, claims, suits, injuries, damages and/or demands of any nature, whatsoever, arising out of his/her voluntary participation in the Peer Jury program, and/or the operation of the City of Warrenville, its Police Department, its Officers, volunteers, and/or employees, acting officially or otherwise.

In addition, the undersigned, on behalf of myself and/or my son/daughter/minor child, has read this entire Agreement, and understands, agrees, and intends by executing this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, to waive any and all claims, that the undersigned, on behalf of myself and/or my son/daughter/minor child, has, or may in the future have, whatsoever, against the City of Warrenville, its Police Department, its Officers, volunteers, and/or employees acting officially or otherwise.

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian

Date