



Court Aide Program

The Court Aide Program provides opportunities for high school seniors to volunteer to work in the courts and to learn about the Judicial Branch and its important role in our government. The eight-week program is offered every spring and summer. Students participating in the program will be assigned to their local courthouse where they will work closely with a Judicial Branch employee, learning about his or her job. Through the Court Aide Program, students will accumulate a minimum of 48 hours of community service, which can be put toward their graduation requirements. Students who meet the eligibility requirements of the program will be interviewed, and upon acceptance into the program will attend an orientation before the beginning of their assignment.

Applications are available online at www.jud.ct.gov/courtaide/ and should be sent to:

External Affairs Division
99 East River Drive
Two Riverview Square, 7th Floor
East Hartford, CT 06108



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Programs for High School Students and Teachers



Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau maintains a panel of judges and other court officials available to speak with students about the integral role our courts play in a democratic society, and the impact the judiciary has on the lives of students. To arrange for a judge or court official to visit your school, please contact the External Affairs Division at (860) 757-2270 or at external.affairs@jud.ct.gov.

Job Shadow Program

The Job Shadow Program provides high school students with the opportunity to shadow a Judicial Branch employee of their choice for one day with the goal of enhancing the student's understanding of that job and of the court system. The program runs from the beginning of February to the end of April each year. As part of the program, a Judicial Branch staff member will visit the school prior to the "shadow date," to provide an overview of the Judicial Branch and the position to be shadowed by the student. Prior to the beginning of the program, a list of available positions will be posted on the Judicial Branch's website. Please keep in mind that all positions may not be available at all court locations. Enrollment forms are available online and must be completed by a guidance counselor or other school administrator. For more information and access to the enrollment forms, please visit www.jud.ct.gov/Education/JS/.



Tours of the Supreme Court

The Connecticut Supreme Court provides guided tours of its courtroom. These tours allow students the opportunity to step inside Connecticut's Supreme Court and learn about the court's rich history of approximately 100 years. Students will also learn how Connecticut's highest court functions. For more information, please visit www.jud.ct.gov/external/news/SupCtTour.html. To schedule a tour, please contact the External Affairs Division at (860) 757-2270 or at external.affairs@jud.ct.gov.

Jury Outreach Program

The Jury Outreach Program offers Connecticut students an opportunity to learn about one of the most important components of our system of justice. Educators who would like a jury administrator to come to their classroom should contact the Jury Outreach Program at jury.outreach@jud.ct.gov.

Professional Development Days for Teachers

The Connecticut Judicial Branch offers teachers the opportunity to learn more about the court system through Professional Development Days. School districts can arrange visits for teachers to go to their local criminal courthouse where they will observe court proceedings and discuss the criminal justice system with a judge, prosecutor and public defender. An enhanced understanding of the Judicial Branch will be an invaluable tool for teachers as they educate students about our state courts. To schedule a Professional Development Day at your local courthouse, please contact the External Affairs Division at 860-757-2270 or at external.affairs@jud.ct.gov.

For more information on all of our programs and resources, please contact External Affairs at (860) 757-2270 or at external.affairs@jud.ct.gov.

We invite you to visit www.jud.ct.gov/EdResources.htm for more information about these programs.