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***Greetings!***

***Due to the current situation with the Coronavirus, shelter in place, most agencies are unable to allow Community Service, here are some options to assist you with completing your community service hours assigned to you.***

## ***Essay Community Service Instructions (Read Carefully)***

**ALL INSTRUCTIONS WILL NEED TO BE FOLLOWED OR PAPERWORK WILL NOT ACCEPTED**

***IF HANDWRITTEN:*** Single-spaced ONLY and must be LEGIBLE. Must be on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper.

***IF TYPED:*** Double spaced All essays MUST have the standard 1 inch margin on all sides, 12PT, and Times New Roman or Arial font

***NO COPY / PASTING, NO SUMMARIZING OR RE-WORDING FROM AN ORIGINAL SOURCE. PLAGIARISM WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAM.***

***On TOP LEFT*** of the page put Essay Question you are doing, your FULL NAME  
EX: Short Essay Question #2  
Robert Smith

***ON LAST PAGE*** of Essay, BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER, sign your name in pen.

**Each essay turned in will be reviewed by Teen Court for accuracy and acceptable format.**

**Each essay will need to be separate and needs to follow the instructions.**

**Please do not take a picture of your full essay and send the image(s). If needed, you can take a picture of the last page with the signature and send along with the essay. Please do not send as a Google Doc.**

**You can submit your essay(s) in person or you can download or scan and send via email to: [teen.court@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:teen.court@bedfordtx.gov).**

**SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS:** Please choose up to 3 questions.

200 words=1 community service hour

400 words=2 community service hours

600 words=3 community service hours

800 words=4 community service hours

1000 words= 5 community service hours

(Maximum of 5 hours per essay)

1. What does it mean to be a “good citizen” in the context of this pandemic?
2. What weaknesses and what strengths is Coronavirus exposing in our society?
3. What have you learned from this pandemic “Coronavirus” as a person?
4. If you could pick one agency in the Mid-Cities area (or your community) that you would like to volunteer with, tell us what agency that would be and why you would like to volunteer there.
5. Why is vaping so dangerous to your health?
6. Why is it important to have driver’s license and insurance before LEGALLY driving a vehicle?
7. What have you learned from your Teen Court experience?
8. Why should there be curfews?

**LONG ESSAY QUESTIONS:** This response needs to be in the form of an essay with no less than 1000 words. 1000 words = 5 hours community service

- 1. One of your friends get a ticket for theft in Bedford Municipal Court. Discuss with your friend the pros and cons of the different options they have in dealing with the ticket (ie. paying the ticket, asking for Teen Court). What effect does this theft conviction have on one's life? In addition, what other non-court consequences are involved (ie. no-trespass order, jury services, military, etc.).**
- 2. You are riding with a friend who is stopped for a speeding ticket. When the Officer asks him/her to sign the ticket, your friend asks you what they should do. Explain what happens if your friend doesn't sign the ticket and if the friend does sign the ticket. What is the purpose of the ticket? Include your advice to your friend under these circumstances, and justify your response.**
- 3. You missed a ride home and caught a ride home with several people you do not know very well. There are three people in the front seat and three people in the back. You are sitting in the back behind the driver. You look down and notice a six pack of beer, with two missing, one opened and half gone, and still cold. The driver is pulled over for speeding and when the officer looks in the back seat he sees the beer. Everyone is under 21 years of age and the officer is ready to "hand out" tickets. Who gets a ticket? The officer mentions something about "constructive possession" and you never touched the beer. What is constructive possession? How and why does it affect who gets a ticket for minor in possession of alcohol? What are your options if you see the alcohol before the driver is pulled over for speeding?**