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## APPLICATION FOR STUDENT COURT JUSTICE 2010-2011

The position of Student Court Justice requires a commitment of time, energy, dedication, and impartiality. Student Court justices hear cases of alleged violations of the Code of Student Conduct. These cases are referred to the Office of Ethics and Student Conflict Resolution by residence hall staff, police, faculty, staff, students and private complainants. The Court, after considering all facts of the case, determines whether a student is responsible for violating the Code of Conduct and, if so, determines an appropriate sanction for that violation.

Student Court meets twice a week throughout the academic year. Generally, there are two to four cases per week, each of which lasts roughly an hour. As a Justice, you must commit to at least one day per week to serve on Court (approximately two hours).

The Office of Ethics and Student Conflict Resolution trains Justices at the beginning of Fall Semester. Next to schoolwork, Court should be a Justice's highest priority in terms of commitment. Student Court cannot function properly without reliable members. All applicants must also be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University.

Please complete the application and bring it to **9 Warfield Hall by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The list of those applicants being invited for First Round Interviews will be posted on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at noon outside of 9 Warfield Hall. If you are asked back, you will need to sign up, at that time, for an interview slot. The first round interviews will be held Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-5:30pm. You must sign up no later than 5pm on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to be considered for the First Round Interview.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Taylor, advisor to Student Court, at 529-1417 or [taylorcm@muohio.edu](mailto:taylorcm@muohio.edu).



4. What personal experiences, background, or talents could you bring to the court to increase the diversity of thinking that is necessary for a Board of this nature?

5. Please respond to the following paragraph on a separate sheet of paper. A concise and insightful reaction to this philosophy is to your advantage.

“The basic philosophy of discipline at Miami University is one of education, focusing on individual growth and development rather than punishment. The University has designed disciplinary procedures and sanctions which are intended to redirect unacceptable student behavior to that which is consistent with the University’s mission. An opportunity for peer review and education is this philosophy’s most salient feature. At all times, the University strives to strike a balance between respect for individual student rights and its obligation to protect the rights of all members of the community.”

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Please ask someone who knows you well and whose opinion you respect to complete the attached recommendation form. The recommender could be a professor, club advisor, a peer you have worked with in another organization, hall advisor, etc., who could discuss your leadership and integrity.

The recommendation should be returned in a sealed envelope (with the recommender’s signature across the seal) along with this application. If the recommender so desires, they may send the recommendation to the **Office of Ethics and Student Conflict Resolution in 9 Warfield Hall with “Attention: Student Court”** at the bottom of the envelope.

Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION FOR STUDENT COURT JUSTICE  
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***TO THE APPLICANT:***

***Name of Applicant:*** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I waive my right to see the content of this recommendation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not waive my right to see the content of this recommendation.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE RECOMMENDER:**

The above student is applying for the position of Student Court Justice. This position requires the ability to effectively communicate both in written and oral form. Further, qualified candidates must possess the attributes of critical and analytical reasoning skills, responsibility, maturity, and a respect for and understanding of University policies and rules.

On a separate sheet of paper, please comment upon how well you believe this student is suited for the position of Student Court Justice with respect to the aforementioned qualities. You may address the recommendation to the Student Court Selections Committee.

Please return this recommendation to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. Or, if you so desire, you may return the recommendation to the **Office of Ethics and Student Conflict Resolution in 9 Warfield Hall with "Attention: Student Court"** at the bottom of the envelope. **This application is due by 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2010.** This deadline is important as consideration of candidates will begin immediately. Thank you very much for your thoughts and time.