



What is Anchorage Youth Court?

Anchorage Youth Court trains youth in grades 7-12, who are between the ages of 12 and 18, to represent and judge their peers in **actual criminal cases**. Anchorage/Eagle River/Chugiak/Girdwood youth serve as clerk, bailiffs, prosecuting and defense attorneys, and judges.

Juvenile Intake refers offenders charged with petty crimes to Anchorage Youth Court. Once a case is referred to Youth Court and the defendant has entered a no contest plea, s/he is sentenced. A sentence in Youth Court differs in that the defendant provides redress to the victims, the community, and reflects upon his/her violation of the law. Upon successful completion of the case, the defendant receives no formal criminal record.

Youth Court Training

Students prepare for the Anchorage Youth Court Bar Exam by attending a training course taught by local attorneys and AYC volunteers. The course covers Youth Court jurisdiction, procedure, evidence, advocacy, and case preparation. After successfully completing the Youth Court Exam, students are sworn in as Anchorage Youth Court members and may serve as clerks, bailiffs, attorneys, or judges. Anchorage Youth Court Bar Association meetings feature speakers, workshops, etc.

Why Join?

- Help other students and the community
- Earn community work service hours
- Gain skills: leadership, teambuilding, team work, public speaking, etc.
- Recommendation letters & scholarship possibilities
- High school students may earn high school elective credit

CLASS REGISTRATION

August 22 – September 15 (or until classes are full)
Mondays - Thursdays, noon - 6 p.m.
and
Saturday, September 10, noon - 4 p.m.

Location:

AYC office

838 W. 4th Ave.

(next to Teriyaki Box by the Hotel Captain Cook)

The Anchorage Youth Court does not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation or marital status, mental or physical impairment disability.

AYC Fall Bar Class Requirements:

Registration Requirements:

- Attending grades 7-12 in Anchorage/Eagle River/Chugiak/Girdwood areas
- Registration forms completely filled out
- \$25 fee, non-refundable, cash or check. (Scholarships are available.)
- Parental consent form signed in ink.

Membership requirements:

- Attend at least 5 of the 7 classes. Class assignments must be prepared to be counted present.
- Pass AYC Bar Exam with at least 70%.
- Attend Swearing-in and Reception Ceremony.
- Once sworn-in, attend 2 of every 3 Bar Meetings.
- Annually commit 50 hours to AYC.

AYC Fall Bar Class DATES and TIMES

Classes begin the week of **September 19th**. Students may register for any class location regardless of where they attend school.

In Anchorage, classes meeting weeknights meet for 2 hours per week for 7 weeks. Classes meeting Saturday are condensed and meet for 6 weeks. In Eagle River, class is condensed and meets for 3 weeks.

Bartlett	Monday 6:30—8:30 p.m.
Dimond	Tuesday 6:30—8:30 p.m.
South	Thursday 6:30—8:30 p.m.
East	Saturday Noon—2:15 p.m.
West	Saturday Noon—2:00 p.m.
Eagle River	Saturday 10:00—2:00 p.m. Oct. 15th , 22nd , 29th

AYC Bar Exam will be administered to all AYC Fall Bar Classes on **Saturday, November 5th from noon—1:30 p.m. at Clark Middle School** in the multi-purpose room.

Students passing the AYC Bar Exam along with their family and friends, are invited to attend the **Swearing-in Ceremony and Reception for New AYC Members** on **Thursday, November 29th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. at Clark Middle School** in the multi-purpose room.

Dates/time are subject to change without notice.

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