

CARTEENS 4-H Application Washington County

(Caution And Responsibility Teens)

*Please note: A driving record will not prevent an applicant from being considered for the CARTEENS 4-H program.

*Please complete and return to the Extension office, attention Kathryn Hartline. Please **print** clearly.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 School District _____ Years in 4-H _____
 Gender _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age as of Jan. _____ Grade _____
 Home Phone _____ E-Mail _____
 Cell Phone _____ Other 4-H Memberships _____
 Please list the best time that you are able to receive phone calls. _____ AM or PM
 License Number _____ License State _____

Have you ever been convicted of a traffic offense? Yes or No

Date _____ Type _____ Consequences _____

*Please list three people, not relatives, as a reference. References must be 21 years of age or older.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Relationship _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Best time able to receive phone calls. _____ AM or PM
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Once the applicant has turned in his/her application, an interview time will be set and conducted. References will then be contacted. If specific criteria are met, the applicant will be voted in as a CIT (CARTEEN In Training).

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Washington County CARTEENS

A teen-facilitated traffic safety program for first time juvenile traffic offenders.



4-H CARTEENS Goals

- To reduce the number of repeat juvenile traffic offenders.
- To decrease the number of teen traffic offenders.
- To increase teen awareness traffic/vehicular safety.

The Washington County CARTEENS program is a traffic safety educational program for first time juvenile traffic offenders. The program is two hours long and is designed to increase traffic safety knowledge and decrease second time juvenile traffic offenders.

CARTEENS is a cooperative program conducted by The Ohio State University Extension, Washington County; Ohio State Patrol, Marietta Post; and the Washington County Juvenile Court partnered with Ohio 4-H.

The "CAR" in CARTEENS stands for "Caution And Responsibility". "TEENS" refers to the teenagers who help prepare and present the program. Teen traffic offenders attending this program have typically been cited for speeding, stop sign violations, reckless operation, and other, similar moving violations.

CARTEENS program topics include excessive speed, driving under the influence, seat belt safety use, consequences of unsafe decisions, dealing with peer pressure, understanding traffic laws, and recognizing and reacting to traffic signs and signals.



CARTEENS Makes A Difference!

The CARTEENS program benefits Washington County in the following ways:

- Increases awareness of individual's driving decisions and their impact on others.
- Increases communication between teens and parents.
- Makes the community more aware of the effects of impaired and distracted driving.
- Increases seat belt usage among participants, both teens and parents.
- Increases the visibility of the 4-H program.
- Establishes a network between the juvenile court, law enforcement officials, and the 4-H program.
- Develops leadership and communication skills in CARTEENS teen presenters.
- In 2012, CARTEENS taught over 200 teen drivers hazardous weather driving tips, traffic laws, the affects of alcohol on driving abilities, and the dangers of distracted driving.



What Is 4-H CARTEENS? CARTEENS Is Important: Facts About Teen Driving

- In 2014, 66 teen drivers, 28 teen passengers, and 7teen pedestrians were killed in fatal car crashes in Ohio.
- Traffic accidents are the number one cause of death among American teens.
- Ohio teen drivers were involved in more traffic crashes than any other group.
- Teen drivers were involved in 161 fatal crashes, 17,730 injury traffic crashes, and 47,073 property damage crashes in Ohio in 2014. 67% of these accidents were caused by driver error.
- In Washington County, teen drivers were involved in 7 fatal crashes, 397 injury traffic crashes, and 1,030 property damage crashes in 2011.
- Lack of driving experience is the most significant factor in the high number of teen crashes.
- Only 36.6% of the teens killed in Ohio traffic accidents in 2011 were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.
- 82.0% of teens injured in Ohio traffic accidents in 2011 were wearing seatbelts.

*Source: 2011 Traffic Crash Facts,
Ohio Department of Public Safety*