

CHEROKEE COUNTY MISDEMEANOR DRUG COURT ESSAY TOPICS

- I. First essay is required by the 2nd Drug Court date. Subjects to be covered include Participant's family background, work history, where they have lived, significant past events, history of substance abuse, and finally what they want to achieve out of the DUI/Drug Court Program.
- II. Second Essay is due prior to participant moving into Phase III. Participant is to summarize their experience beginning the 12 step program (i.e. AA, NA, or court approved recognized 12 step program). Include how they chose their sponsor (or how the sponsor chose the participant). Give details on the program the participant follows: How often does the participant and sponsor have contact? What type of interaction does the participant have with their sponsor? Phone calls? Face to face? Tell the Team something about the person sponsoring the participant? Does the sponsor confront the participant on their denial? Has the participant begun working the steps? If so, which step is the participant currently working?
- III. Third essay is due prior to participant moving into Phase IV. This is a report about what has occurred during the participation in this program. The effect of the treatment group, testing, court appearances, relapses, probation, time and money requirements are to be honestly reported. Frank and honest comments about the Team Members are appreciated. The Team includes Judge Morris; Asst. Solicitor K. Roch; defense counsel S. Grainger; Drug Court staff A. D'Agata, H. Hays, C. Moore; treatment providers G. Price & D. Wheeler, Price Counseling; Probation Officer K. DeBowles, Georgia Probation Management; Compliance Officer Deputy Jackson; and Captain Locke, Sheriff's Office.
- IV. The final essay is due prior to participant graduating. Once again, as in the second essay, what has been the effect of the program on the participant? What will be the lasting difference in how the participant will do things in their life after the supervision has ended? What are the plans the participant has for the future? What will their family life be like? What will be their employment goals? What will they do differently from their past history of substance abuse? Include any honest and helpful comments about the Team and the entire program.

Submit essays to Drug Court Office with the phase movement forms