

IN THE YOUTH COURT OF _____ COUNTY,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

In the Interest of _____, a Child

Cause No.: _____ Youth Court
File No.: _____

**PETITION TO ENTER ADMISSION
AS A (DELINQUENT CHILD; CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION)**

I, the Child in the above styled cause, appear before this Court to enter an admission to the allegations of the State's petition of (delinquency; child in need of supervision). In support thereof, I truthfully state the following:

1. My full name is _____. I am _____ years of age. I reside at _____.
2. I am represented by an attorney, to wit: *Name and address of attorney.* _____.
3. My attorney has read and explained to me the State's petition.
4. I have told my attorney all the facts and circumstances known to me about the allegations of the State's petition.
5. My attorney has advised me on the nature of each allegation contained within the State's petition, including any lesser included offenses, and all possible defenses.
6. My attorney and this Court have advised me of my rights, including: the right to an adjudication hearing on the petition; the right to a speedy trial; the right to have the State prove each and every element of the offense beyond a reasonable doubt; the right to counsel; the right to remain silent; the right to testify on my own behalf if I so choose; the right to subpoena witnesses; the right to compel the production of documents through subpoena duces tecum; the right to cross-examine witnesses testifying against me; and the right to appeal. I fully understand each of these rights. I also understand that I waive such rights if the Court accepts this admission as proof of the allegations of the State's petition.
7. My attorney and this Court have explained the purpose of the adjudication hearing and the potential consequences of my admitting to the allegations of the State's petition, including all possible dispositional alternatives. I also understand that if the Court accepts this admission as proof of the allegations of the State's petition it may then adjudicate me (a delinquent child; a child in need of supervision) and thereafter impose any disposition permitted by Mississippi's Youth Court Law.
8. My attorney and this Court have informed me that the maximum possible disposition is _____. I also understand that if the Court accepts this admission as proof to the allegations of the State's petition it is not required to accept any recommendations of the Youth Court Prosecutor, my attorney, or other interested person.
9. I make this admission voluntarily, intelligently, and knowingly. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this admission. I also understand that my attorney is prohibited by Mississippi's Youth Court Law from entering into a plea bargaining agreement with the State with respect to the allegations of the State's petition.
10. All previous Youth Court adjudications of mine, whether of the State of Mississippi or any other state, are listed below: _____.
11. All previous misdemeanor convictions of mine, whether of the State of Mississippi or any other state, are listed below: _____.

I understand that admitting to the allegations of the State's petition may cause revocation of any suspended sentence or probation of these convictions, and further, result in a maximum penalty for each as permitted by Mississippi laws or, as applicable, the laws of any other state.

- 12. I have no previous felony convictions.
- 13. I have gone to school up to and including _____.
- 14. My physical and mental health is presently satisfactory. Further, I am not presently under the influence of any drugs or intoxicants, except: _____.
- 15. I am fully satisfied that my attorney has effectively represented me.
- 16. I have fully discussed my decision to admit to the allegations of the State's petition with my (parent(s); guardian; custodian) whose signature below acknowledges approval of same. Further, this Court has afforded my (parent(s); guardian; custodian) a reasonable time to obtain and consult with counsel if same wished to do so.
- 17. I waive the formal reading by this Court of the State's petition against me.
- 18. I admit to the allegations of the State's petition and do hereby state my participation in same, as follows: _____.

WHEREFORE, I hereby request this Court to accept this admission as sufficient proof of the allegations of the State's petition to sustain the charge of a (delinquent child; child in need of supervision) beyond a reasonable doubt.

Child

Child's Attorney

Parent(s), guardian, or custodian

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Youth Court Judge