

CHEROKEE COUNTY DUI/DRUG COURT ESSAY TOPICS

- I. First essay is required by the 1st DUI Court date. Subjects to be covered include your family background, work history, where you have lived, significant past events, history of substance use, and finally what you want to achieve out of the DUI/Drug Court Program.
- II. Second Essay is due prior to moving into Phase III. What do you feel is the biggest barrier you will have in order to succeed in the program? How can you overcome that barrier? What have you learned about yourself since starting this program?
- III. Third essay is due prior to moving into Phase IV. What effect have you had on your family or people around you since becoming sober? Describe in detail your experience with a twelve-step program such as AA, Celebrate Recovery, NA, etc.
- IV. Fourth essay is due prior to moving into Phase V. 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 Jordan; Asst. Solicitor D. McElyea; defense counsel J. Williams; DUI Court staff A. D'Agata, H. Freeman, R. Meeks; treatment providers G. Price, C. Cushing, E. Price, Price Counseling; Probation Officer C. Cagle, Cherokee Probation Services; Compliance Officer Deputy Jones; and Captain Sims, Sheriff's Office.
- V. The speech is due prior to Graduation. 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 DUI Court Office with the phase applications