

Getting Started

Request to Expunge Juvenile Records

IMPORTANT: This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to expunge your juvenile record. Your use of the forms does not guarantee your records will be expunged.

To learn how to fill out the forms and file them with the court, read the *How To Expunge Juvenile Records* instruction booklet and the instructions on the forms.

Names of forms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Notice of Filing for Juvenile Expungement</i>• <i>Additional Notice of Filing for Juvenile Expungement</i> (if needed)• <i>Request to Expunge Juvenile Records</i>• <i>Additional Arresting Agencies</i> (if needed)• <i>Additional Juvenile Records</i> (if needed)• <i>Order to Expunge Juvenile Records</i>
Purpose of the forms:	To erase juvenile police and court records so it is like they never happened.
Types of cases the forms CAN be used for:	When you have been arrested, adjudicated, or tried for juvenile offenses, with some exceptions found below.
Types of cases the forms CANNOT be used for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult criminal cases and cases where you were prosecuted as an adult even though you were a juvenile• First degree murder if found guilty• Sex offenses which would be felonies if they had been committed by an adult if found guilty• Traffic offenses or municipal ordinance (city law) violations• Civil cases
Cost to file the forms:	There is a fee for filing. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, you can ask the court to file for free by filing the <i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees</i> found at: http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/
Special information or papers needed to complete the forms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates of arrests and charges;• Outcome of juvenile court cases;• Addresses of police departments that arrested you; AND• Addresses of the State's Attorney's offices in the county where you were arrested.
Statutes covering the forms:	705 ILCS 405/5-915 and 705 ILCS 405/5-622
Where to find the forms and instruction sheet:	http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/
For more information:	Read the <i>How To Expunge Juvenile Records</i> instruction booklet that comes with these forms. You may also find more information, resources, and the location of your local county self help center at: www.illinoislegalaid.org/Expungement or visit the Office of the State Appellate Defender's website: http://www.illinois.gov/osad/Expungement/Pages/default.aspx