

Dallas County Expunction Expo 2024

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

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1. Question: How do I apply for the 2024 Dallas County Expunction Expo?

Answer: *Click on the below link to apply and enter your personal/identifying information as well as the offense information for any offense you would like to have reviewed for an expunction. Applications will open on July 8, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. We are only accepting applications for 500 people. Those 500 applications will be reviewed to determine if they qualify for a Dallas County expunction and for the Expo. We recommend that you apply early on July 8th because we expect the 500 application spots to fill quickly. After 500 people have applied, applications will close.*

- [Application Form](#). **Please note:** *the form will only be available starting at 8:00 a.m. and will close once the 500 applicants cap is met.*

2. Question: Do I fill out an application form for each of my cases/offenses?

Answer: *No, only fill out ONE application form. Each application form allows you to list up to three cases. If you are accepted into the Expo and have more than three cases that qualify for an expunction, the District Attorney's Office and your volunteer attorney will locate the information in the Dallas County records for your additional cases.*

3. Question: Can I ask to have more than one case expunged?

Answer: *Yes, if the cases qualify for an expunction under the law, there is no limit to the number you can have expunged. If you are accepted into the Expo and have more than three cases that qualify for an expunction, the District Attorney's Office and your volunteer attorney will locate the information in the Dallas County records for your additional cases.*

4. Question: Where can I find the information about my case(s) to put on the application form?

Answer: *You can locate your Dallas County criminal case information by clicking on the below link.*

- [Dallas County, Texas Courts Portal](#)

5. Question: What if I don't have all of my case/offense information?

Answer: *If you cannot locate your case information on the Dallas County link listed above, include as much information as possible on your application. (The link may not include cases where a person was arrested but the police agency did not file the case with the District Attorney's Office, or cases where a person was arrested and the District Attorney's Office rejected the case.) Remember, only Dallas County offenses should be listed on your application.*

6. Question: Should I include my maiden name on the application?

Answer: *Yes, please include your maiden name on the application, along with any other previously used names.*

7. Question: How much does the Expo cost?

Answer: *If you qualify to participate, there is no cost for an attorney to represent you. A volunteer attorney will be assigned to you. There is a \$350 filing fee to file an expunction case. Other fees for serving some Respondents with the petition may apply. Participants may qualify for a waiver of these fees based on financial status. Your attorney will assist you in requesting the waiver, if appropriate.*

8. Question: What if I do not have access to a computer and want to apply to the Expunction Expo?

Answer: *If you would like assistance registering for the Expunction Expo by phone, you may call 214-875-4999 (the Dallas DA's Office) between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm on Monday, July 8, 2024 or Tuesday, July 9, 2024. **Be aware that only 500 applications will be accepted and we expect the 500-application limit to be reached quickly. Applications submitted by phone to the DA's Office are subject to this limitation.***

Before calling, please gather your identifying information (date of birth, social security number, address, etc.) and case information (date of arrest, date of offense, name of offense charged with, case number, etc.) and be ready to provide this information by phone.

9. Question: What happens after I complete the application?

Answer: *Your application will undergo a preliminary review to determine if you are eligible to participate in the Dallas County 2024 Expo. You will be notified during the week of September 9, 2024 if you will be assigned a volunteer attorney. Eligibility to participate DOES NOT guarantee you will receive an expunction. After a volunteer attorney speaks to you, reviews your cases, and confirms your eligibility, the attorney will file a petition on your behalf. This does not mean your expunction will automatically be granted. The Dallas County Respondents will conduct a full review of your case(s) and determine if they agree to or oppose your expunction. This review is based on the Texas expunction law. If the Dallas County Respondents agree, the judge will sign your expunction order.*

10. Question: How will I find out if I have been invited to participate in the Expo?

Answer: *Participants will be notified by phone and email during the week of September 9, 2024 if they qualify to participate in this year's Expunction Expo. Then, a volunteer attorney will be assigned to you and contact you directly between September 9 and October 11, 2024. If you qualify, please answer any unknown phone calls during this time period and check your junk or spam folder of your email regularly.*

11. Question: If I completed an application form but have not heard whether I am accepted to participate in the Expo by September 13, 2024, what do I do?

Answer: *If you have not heard by September 13, 2024 whether you have been accepted into the Expo, please email DC-EXPO@dallascounty.org and ask about the status of your application. Provide your name and date of birth. Please do not email before September 13, 2024—we will not have an answer for you yet.*

12. Question: If I am invited to participate in the Expo, does that guarantee I will get an expunction?

Answer: *No, filling out the Expo application is the first step of the expunction process. There are many more steps to be taken to determine if you have a case eligible for an expunction. See the question and answer above regarding what happens after you complete the application.*

13. Question: I successfully completed probation or deferred adjudication, and the case was dismissed. Can I get an expunction?

Answer:

- *Probably, yes, IF you successfully completed deferred adjudication for a Class C Misdemeanor (a ticket) and two years have passed since the date of dismissal.*
- *No, IF you received probation or deferred adjudication for a Felony, Class A Misdemeanor, or Class B Misdemeanor, even if the case was dismissed.*
- *BUT, IF you successfully completed deferred adjudication for a Felony, Class A misdemeanor, or Class B misdemeanor, that case MAY qualify for a non-disclosure. A non-disclosure is a different legal proceeding than an expunction. Non-disclosures are not part of the Expo. You may want to consult with an attorney after the Expo about a non-disclosure for a Felony, Class A misdemeanor, or Class B misdemeanor for which you successfully completed deferred adjudication.*

14. Question: What types of cases may be eligible for an expunction?

Answer: *Per Texas statute, individuals who have offenses on their criminal record may qualify for an expunction in the following circumstances:*

- *You were arrested but a charge was never filed, was no billed by the grand jury, or was rejected by the District Attorney's Office;*
- *Your Felony, Class A Misdemeanor, or Class B Misdemeanor charge was dismissed without any type of community supervision or probation prior to the dismissal (and the required time period, depending on the offense, has passed);*
- *Your Class C misdemeanor was dismissed or you successfully completed Class C deferred adjudication, and two years have passed since the dismissal;*
- *You were acquitted (found "not guilty") of your charge by a judge, jury, or appellate court and had no other charge from the same arrest;*
- *You were convicted of a crime but later pardoned by the Texas Governor or the United States President; or*
- *You were convicted before 09/01/2021 for Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon under Section 46.02(a) of the Penal Code.*

15. Question: What types of cases are not eligible for an expunction?

Answer: Your case IS NOT ELIGIBLE for an expunction if:

- *It is STILL PENDING;*
- *You were CONVICTED in the case, even if you only paid a fine (EXCEPT convictions before 09/01/2021 for Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon under Section 46.02(a) of the Penal Code); or*
- *You received PROBATION, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, or DEFERRED ADJUDICATION for a Felony, Class A Misdemeanor, or Class B Misdemeanor, even if your case was later dismissed.*

16. Question: If I qualify for the Expo, meet with an attorney, and the judge signs my expunction order, when will my case be expunged?

Answer: *The expunction orders will be signed shortly before the conclusion of the Expo on January 11, 2025. Respondents will begin expunging records 30 to 45 days after January 11. It is difficult to predict how long this process will take for every Respondent, however.*