

Dallas County Expunction Expo 2026

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

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1. Question: How do I apply for the 2026 Dallas County Expunction Expo?

Answer: *Click on the link below 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, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and close July 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.*

PLEASE NOTE THAT CONVICTIONS AND CASES YOU WENT TO PRISON FOR DO NOT QUALIFY FOR AN EXPUNCTION (unless the case was a conviction for Unlawful Carrying a Weapon before 9/1/2021). If you were convicted or went to prison in all of your cases, we cannot assist you in the Expo.

Because of the large number of applicants, we are not able to accept everyone who applies. Participants will be accepted based on whether they have a felony or misdemeanor arrest that qualifies for an expunction under Texas law and using a random lottery system.

Applicants will be notified by email (or mail if no email address is provided) no later than August 28, 2026, whether they are accepted into the Expunction Expo.

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

Answer: *No, only fill out ONE application form. Each 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 for your additional cases. Only Dallas County cases can be expunged in this Expo.*

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 for your additional cases. Only Dallas County offenses can be expunged in this Expo.*

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 link below..*

[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 in the Dallas County criminal records (the link above), simply include as much information as possible 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 prior names.*

7. **Question: How much does the Expo cost?**

Answer: *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, and there may be additional fees for serving some Respondents. **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 do not have a computer, you can go to the following location to apply:*

Friendship-West Formula Human Services

616 W. Kiest Blvd

Dallas, TX 75224

OPEN: Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 9:30am to 4:30 pm

OPEN Thursday, July 9, 2026, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Please enter through the gate and park at the rear of the building to access the facility.

Please bring 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.), if available.

Thriving Opportunities for Returning Individuals (T.O.R.I.)

A Program of the T.D. Jakes Foundation

T.O.R.I. Community Office

7222 S. Westmoreland Rd., Suite 160, Dallas, TX 75237

OPEN: Wednesday, July 8: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

OPEN: Thursday, July 9: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please bring 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.), if available.

If you do not have a computer or transportation and wish to register for the Expunction Expo by phone, you may call:

The Dallas DA's Office

214-875-4999

OPEN Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

OPEN Thursday, July 9, 2026, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, or Thursday, July 9, 2026.

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 have qualifying cases and are eligible to participate in the Dallas County 2026 Expo. Depending on the number of applications received, we will also use a random lottery to select this year's participants. You will be notified no later than August 28, 2026, whether you have been accepted. If you are accepted into the Expo, you will be assigned a volunteer attorney. Acceptance into the Expo 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. 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 to the expunction and no other Respondent objects, 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 email (or mail if you do not have an email address) no later than August 28, 2026, 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 8 and October 9, 2026. If you are accepted into the Expo, 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 complete an application form but have not heard whether I am accepted to participate in the Expo by August 29, 2026, what do I do?

Answer: If you have not heard by August 29, 2026, 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 August 29, 2026—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. There is no guarantee you will receive an expunction until the judge signs an expunction order in your case.

13. Question: Do successfully-completed and dismissed deferred-adjudication cases for a Felony, Class A Misdemeanor, or Class B Misdemeanor qualify for an expunction?

Answer:

- *No. If you received deferred adjudication community supervision (probation) for a Felony, Class A Misdemeanor, or Class B Misdemeanor, the case does not qualify for an expunction, even if it was dismissed at the end of the probation.*

- *BUT, those cases MAY qualify for a non-disclosure, depending on the type of case and other factors. 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 law, 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, and the required time period (called the statute of limitations) for the offense has expired;*
- *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 for the offense has expired;*
- *Your Class C misdemeanor was dismissed or you successfully completed Class C deferred adjudication, and either two or three years have passed since the dismissal, depending on the offense;*
- *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 U.S. President; or*
- *You were convicted before 09/01/2021 for Unlawful 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:*

- *You went to PRISON for the case; or*
- *You were CONVICTED in the case (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; or*
- *The case is STILL PENDING.*

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 Expo's conclusion on January 9, 2027. Respondents will begin expunging records approximately six weeks after January 9. It is difficult to predict how long this process will take for every Respondent, however.*