

How will **Clean Slate** end the maze of obtaining a criminal record expungement?

Not everyone qualifies:

Only people with one felony or two misdemeanors can apply for criminal record expungement.

Obstacle course:

In order to apply for an expungement, a person has to get fingerprinted, get an FBI background check and pay a \$50 fee.

Notice to appear:

In some cases, applicants must notify crime survivors, who have a right to object to an expungement.

No promises

Even satisfying all these qualifications, there is no guarantee of receiving an expungement.

A life sentence

Without an expungement, a criminal record stays visible forever — even decades after a sentence is served.

Thanks for applying

Many employers and landlords won't hire or rent to people with a criminal record, no matter how long ago the incident occurred or the nature of the incident, locking people with a record into a lifetime of low-paying jobs and substandard housing.

Because of the hurdles involved of obtaining an expungement, only 6.5 percent of the people who qualify even try to get one — even though they could benefit greatly from it.

Clean Slate will make expungement automatic for all who qualify.

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