



Exoneration Project Intake Application

Intake, Exoneration Project, 311 North Aberdeen St., Ste. 2E, Chicago, IL 60607

The Exoneration Project (EP) works with a team of legal students, interns, and staff members in Chicago, Illinois to evaluate potential cases around the country. Due to the high number of requests that the EP receives, we are unable to respond to every applicant. We review cases based on the order that we receive written requests and applications. If we have questions about your case or application, we will contact you directly via legal mail. It is our goal to help find representation for as many innocent victims of wrongful conviction as we can.

Please enter your information to the best of your ability in the space provided. Write clearly and include **all** relevant facts of your case. Additional space is provided on the last page of the application. **We will not accept or review any other legal documents.**

Section A: Background Information

1. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2. Date of Birth: _____
3. Inmate Identification Number (if applicable): _____
4. What is your preferred language? **English** **Spanish** **Other:** _____
5. What is your race or ethnicity? _____
6. What is the highest grade you completed in school? _____
7. Is this your first letter or application to the Exoneration Project? **YES** **NO**

Section B: Basic Crime Information

8. What conviction(s) are you currently incarcerated for?

Sentence: _____

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9. What is the date of your conviction? _____
10. What is your projected release date? _____
11. Please list the case number of the crime you are writing us about:



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12. Please list any co-defendants charged in this case:

13. What date and time did the crime occur?

Date: _____ Time: _____

14. What was the location of the crime?

15. What was your home address at the time of the crime?

Section C: Investigation

16. Please explain what the police and prosecutors say happened.

17. Please explain what you say happened.

18. Can you describe what you were doing at the time of the crime?

19. Were you present when the crime occurred? **YES** **NO**

20. Why did the police connect you with the crime?



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21. Please list the people that the police and prosecutors say committed the crime. *(Describe the role that police and prosecutors say each person played in the crime. Describe your relationship with any of those people if you had one.)*

22. Please describe anyone who you think was involved with the crime.

23. Please list any eyewitnesses to the crime:

Witness name and relationship to crime: _____

How do you know this witness? _____

Witness Identification: **Line-up** **Photo Array** **Show-Up** **Other:** _____

Witness name and relationship to crime: _____

How do you know this witness? _____

Witness Identification: **Line-up** **Photo Array** **Show-Up** **Other:** _____

Witness name and relationship to crime: _____

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Section D: Arrest

24. Please describe your arrest.

25. Please describe any interviews with the police. How long did they last? Who was involved?

26. Were you or your loved ones mistreated in any way at the police station?

27. Did you ever speak to an attorney at the police station? Why or why not?

28. Please describe any statement that you gave to the police.

Type of statement: **Oral** **Written** **Taped** **Videotaped**

Section E: Trial

29. Did you have a: **Jury Trial** **Bench Trial** **Plead Guilty**



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30. What evidence was there at trial of your innocence? Include any pre-trial or post-trial motions.

31. Do you know of any evidence of your innocence available at trial that WAS not brought out in court? Why not?

32. What evidence was there at trial against you?

33. Please list all witnesses that testified at your trial:

Witness Name and Relationship to Crime: _____

Witness for the: **Defense State**

How do you know this witness? _____

Witness Testimony: _____

Witness Name and Relationship to Crime: _____

Witness for the: **Defense State**

How do you know this witness? _____

Witness Testimony: _____



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Witness Name and Relationship to Crime: _____

Witness for the: **Defense State**

How do you know this witness? _____

Witness Testimony: _____

34. Are there ANY witnesses that were available but not called at the time of your trial? Please describe what they could have testified to and what your relationship with them was.

35. Have ANY of the witnesses changed their stories since trial? How?

36. Did you testify at trial? If so, what did you testify to?
If not, why didn't you testify?



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37. Is there ANY NEW evidence that was NOT used at trial that could help demonstrate your innocence? When was it discovered?

38. If there are any items of PHYSICAL evidence that you believe were not found or tested that could help prove your innocence, please describe those items here.



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Section F: Procedural History

Direct Appeal:

What was the date filed? _____

What was the decision date? _____

What was the decision? _____

Please list in detail what issues were raised.

Post-conviction Petition:

What was the date filed? _____

What was the decision date? _____

What was the decision? _____

Please list in detail what issues were raised.

State Habeas Petition:

What was the date filed? _____

What was the decision date? _____

What was the decision? _____

Please list in detail what issues were raised.



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Federal Habeas Petition:

What was the date filed? _____

What was the decision date? _____

What was the decision? _____

Please list in detail what issues were raised.

Petition for Clemency or Pardon

Have you ever filed a petition for executive clemency? **YES** **NO**

What was the date filed? _____

Counsel: Please list all attorneys who have represented you.

Current Counsel Name: _____

Contact info (if available): _____

Trial Counsel Name: _____

Contact info (if available): _____

Appellate Counsel Name: _____

Contact info (if available): _____

Appellate Counsel Name: _____

Contact info (if available): _____

Post-Conviction Counsel Name: _____

Contact info (if available): _____

Post-Conviction Counsel Name: _____

Contact info (if available): _____

