


# PA Background Check

PA Background Check: (Online results should be quick) <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

- Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History (PATCH)
- Criminal background checks are valid for 1 year - **free for volunteers**

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### Welcome to Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History


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**Check the status of a Record Check**

**Registered PATCH Accounts**  
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## Terms and Conditions for the use of PATCH

*Please read the following terms and conditions for the use of the PATCH application and click the accept button to proceed.*

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The PATCH web site is available for registered and non-registered users wishing to acquire criminal history information on individuals. Users must agree to abide by all sections of the Criminal History Record Information Act and all terms stated forthwith.

### Volunteer

There is no charge for requests made for the purpose of volunteering. The volunteer record check can be made via the PATCH website or by mail using form SP4-164A, "REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK, VOLUNTEER ONLY". The SP4-164A form may be downloaded from the home page of this website under the "HELP" drop down menu. The name of the agency or organization for which you will be volunteering must be listed. You must also read and accept the legal disclaimer affirming that the purpose of this record check is for volunteer purposes only and is not authorized for any other use.

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### Volunteer Acknowledgement Section

**By checking this box I verify that I am submitting this request for criminal history record information in connection with my status as an unpaid volunteer. I understand that the \$22 fee is being waived because of my status as an unpaid volunteer. I also understand that any false statements made on this form are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities and can be punishable by imprisonment.**

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Reason For Request:	VolunteerFREE ▾
Volunteer Organization Name:	Art Sphere Inc <input type="text"/> *
Volunteer Organization Telephone Number:	215-413-3955 <input type="text"/>

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### Personal Information

Please fill in the following form prior to making your record check request. Fields marked with an \* are required. A request resulting in an actual criminal record will be sent via U.S. Mail to the name and address listed below.

The system has been updated to allow the requestor to add an email address. When an email address is entered an email confirming that the request was received by the Pennsylvania State Police will be sent. Another email will be sent when the request is completed.

Once this step is completed, information regarding the individual for which you are performing a background check will be gathered. Each background check performed will cost \$ 0.00 dollars.

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Volunteer Organization Name:	Art Sphere Inc <input type="text"/> *
Volunteer Organization Telephone Number:	215-413-3955 <input type="text"/>

First Name:	Firstname <input type="text"/> *
Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>
Last Name:	Lastname <input type="text"/> *
Address Line 1:	1234 Yourstreet <input type="text"/> *
Address Line 2:	<input type="text"/>
City:	Yourtown <input type="text"/> *
State:	-- Select a State -- ▾ *
Zip:	00000 <input type="text"/> *
Country:	UNITED STATES ▾
Email Addr:	your.email@address.com <input type="text"/>
Confirm Email Addr:	your.email@address.com <input type="text"/>
Phone Number:	123-456-7890 <input type="text"/> *

Cancel Next >



**\*\*After the Art Sphere contact information in the first two fields, the rest of this form is filled out as the volunteer.**





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## Personal Information Review

Please verify the following information prior to clicking the "Proceed" button. If you need to make changes, click the "Back" button.

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**Reason For Request:** VolunteerFREE

**Volunteer Organization Name:** Art Sphere Inc  
**Volunteer Organization Telephone Number:** (215) 413-3955  
**Requestor Name:** Firstname Lastname  
**Address:** Yourstreet  
Yourtown, PA  
00000  
**Country:** US  
**Email Addr:** your.email@address.com  
**Phone Number:** (123) 456-7890

< Back Cancel Proceed

## How to check the status of a request:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp". The website header includes the Pennsylvania State Police logo, the title "Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History", and the names of Commissioner Robert Evanchick and Governor Thomas W. Wolf. A navigation menu at the top contains "Home", "Record Check", and "Help".

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Fill in the form EXACTLY as you did when you made the request.



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### Record Check Status

*To perform a search on a record check request you must enter in all the data exactly as it was entered for the original record check request. If a middle name was entered on the original request then you must enter that name exactly.*

Control Number:  \*


First Name:  \*

Middle Name:

Last Name:  \*

Date of Request:  /  /  (mm/dd/yyyy) \*

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First Name:  \*

Middle Name:

Last Name:  \*

Date of Request:  /  /  (mm/dd/yyyy) \*

### Search Results

Control #	Subject Name	Date of Request	Status
R12345678	Lastname,Firstname	01/01/2020 01:53 PM	No Record

One item found.

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Click on the 'Certification Form' hyperlink.

Reason for Request: Volunteer

Invoice #: R23479725

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Click 'Save' to download a copy of the completed form.

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## Pennsylvania State Police

1800 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

### Response for Criminal Record Check

**THE CERTIFICATE IS ONLY VALID FOR VOLUNTEER PURPOSES. THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THIS FORM FOR ANY OTHER USE**



# EXAMPLE CERTIFICATION FORM

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1800 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

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TELEPHONE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE DOES HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

Name:   
Date of Birth:   
Social Security #:   
Sex:    
Race:

Date of Request:

Purpose of Request: Volunteer

Maiden Name and/or Alias (1) (2)  
(3) (4)

\*\*\* HAS NO CRIMINAL RECORD IN PENNSYLVANIA BASED ON A CHECK BASED ON THE ABOVE IDENTIFIERS- REFER TO CONTROL #R \*\*\*

THE RESPONSE IS BASED ON A COMPARISON OF DATA PROVIDED BY THE REQUESTER AGAINST INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FILES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE CENTRAL REPOSITORY ONLY. PLEASE CONFIRM IDENTIFIERS PROVIDED. POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION CANNOT BE MADE WITHOUT FINGERPRINTS THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE RESPONSE DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE EXISTENCE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS, WHICH MIGHT BE CONTAINED IN THE REPOSITORIES OF OTHER LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES. THE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION FORM CAN BE VALIDATED BY ACCESSING THE PENNSYLVANIA ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY (PATCH) RECORD CHECK STATUS SCREEN (<https://epatch.state.pa.us/RCStatusSearch.jsp>) AND SUBMITTING A STATUS CHECK REQUEST THAT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING - SUBJECT'S NAME (EXACTLY AS INITIALLY ENTERED), CONTROL NUMBER AND DATE OF REQUEST. PATCH WILL FIND AND DISPLAY THE CORRESPONDING RECORD CHECK REQUEST. DETAILS ON THE REQUEST CAN BE VIEWED BY CLICKING ON THE CONTROL NUMBER. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VERIFY IF THIS REQUEST WAS SENT OUT AS A NO RECORD OR RECORD RESPONSE BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE PATCH HELP LINE TOLL FREE AT 1-888-QUERY-PA (1-888-783-7972)

Certified by:

FOR EXAMPLE ONLY

DISSEMINATED BY: SYSTEM

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Director of Criminal Records & Identification  
Pennsylvania State Police