

JOINING THE MILITARY?

Important Information About Juvenile Records



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****PLEASE NOTE—THESE ARE GENERAL GUIDELINES AND MAY BE UPDATED AS NEEDED; EACH BRANCH HAS INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS AND EXCLUSIONARY CRITERIA**

- Delinquency **adjudication** may reduce chances of entering the military
- Federal law requires applicants to divulge ALL criminal history on applications, including *expunged*, *sealed*, or *juvenile* records
- May not enlist with **open** or **pending** juvenile charges; pending charges include unpaid traffic violations
- May not enlist while under civil restraint (examples: house arrest, home detention, confinement, probation)
- May not enlist if court-sanctioned for any drug-related charges
- May not enlist with three or more convictions for driving while intoxicated, drugged, or impaired in the 5 years preceding application for enlistment
- May not enlist with convictions or other criminal dispositions for 5 or more misdemeanors
- May not enlist with history of *chronic* marijuana use or psychological cannabis dependence
- May not be intoxicated or under influence of alcohol or drugs at time of application, or any stage of processing for enlistment
- May not enlist if confirmed positive result for alcohol or drugs (test administered at Military Entrance Processing Station)
- Applicants with juvenile felony offenses who have had no offenses within 5 years of application for enlistment may be considered for a **waiver** on case-by-case basis

Waivers

*Each branch has different regulations waivers

- Waivers are an exception to military policy for a disqualifying factor
- Waivers can be for moral, administrative, and medical disqualifications; waivers are not guaranteed to be approved
- Talk to a recruiter about waivers before applying; if applicant has a record, the recruiter must be willing to vouch for the applicant in order for a waiver to be granted
- Recruiters do not have authority to grant waivers; only Commanders and other higher ranking officers have authority to grant waivers

**This material is intended to provide general information - it is in no way final legal authority. It is best to consult with an attorney.*