Please fill out this intake application and return it to:

The Exoneration Project
312 N. May St., Ste. 100
Chicago, Illinois 60607

IMPORTANT: Please send the application only.

Do not enclose any documents.
Who are we?

The Exoneration Project is a not-for-profit organization operating a legal clinic at the University of Chicago Law School. We represent people asserting their innocence in state and federal post-conviction proceedings.

What kind of cases do we work on?

The Exoneration Project represents clients claiming their innocence in state and federal post-conviction proceedings.

How does the application process work?

The Exoneration Project will use this application to decide whether your case is a good fit for the Project. The first step in our application process is filling out this packet. Once we review your application, we will contact you with any questions we have about your case. If we do not think that your case is a good fit for our organization, we will send you a denial letter.

How long does it take you to review my case?

We will contact you within one year to let you know if we have any questions about your case. We are working as hard as we can to review cases, but due to the number of applications we receive, there is an average response time of one year.

If there is important information regarding updates on your case that you need to tell us after you send in your application, please use the form provided at the back of this packet.

How can I check on my case status?

Unfortunately, we are unable to respond to requests for confirmation of delivery of applications, or requests for case status updates due to the amount of requests we receive.

Should I send documents and transcripts?

No. Please do not send any documents with your application. Please list any documents in your possession (or any documents you think would be helpful to your case) on Page 13. If we would like to review a document, we will write to you and request that you send that document to us.

Keep this page for your records.
The Exoneration Project
Intake Application

Your Name: ________________________________
Inmate Number: ___________________________
Mailing Address: ___________________________
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Today’s Date: _________

1. Is English your first language?    YES     NO
(Si usted habla español, por favor avísenos y enviaremos un aplicacion en español.)

2. What is your race or ethnicity? _________________________________

3. What is the highest grade you completed in school? _____________________

4. What crime were you convicted of? _______________________________________

5. What sentence are you serving? _________________________________________

6. Where did the crime occur? When did the crime occur?
Location: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
7. Did your case go to trial? (Please circle)  **YES**  **NO**

8. Did you plead guilty? (Please circle)  **YES**  **NO**

9. Did you have any co-defendants? Please list.
   Co-defendant: __________________ Convicted?: _____________ Innocent? _____
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10. Are you claiming that you are innocent of this crime?  **YES**  **NO**

11. Were you present at the time this crime was committed?  **YES**  **NO**

12. Why do you think were you wrongfully convicted?

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13. List all evidence that you believe will show your innocence.

a. ______________________________________________________
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Was this evidence:  (   ) brought out at trial
                     (   ) available but not brought out at trial
                     (   ) something you learned about after your trial
                     (   ) is new evidence to you
                     (   ) might be found with a thorough investigation

b. ______________________________________________________
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c. ______________________________________________________
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d. ______________________________________________________
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14. Explain what you were doing while the crime was committed. Do you have an alibi?

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15. Explain what the police say happened. What do the police say you did?

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16. Who was involved in the crime? Please explain what their relationship is to you, and how they were involved. Include victims, perpetrators, and witnesses.

a. **VICTIM(S):** ______________________ Relationship: ________________
   How was he/she involved: __________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

b. Name: ______________________  Relationship: ______________________
c. How was he/she involved: _________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

d. Name: ______________________  Relationship: ______________________
   How was he/she involved: _________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

e. Name: ______________________  Relationship: ______________________
   How was he/she involved: _________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

f. Name: ______________________  Relationship: ______________________
   How was he/she involved: _________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

g. Name: ______________________  Relationship: ______________________
   How was he/she involved: _________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
17. Did the police ever mistreat you? YES  NO

18. Is there any evidence that the police mistreated you? 
(For example medical records, witnesses, complaint files, etc.)
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19. If yes, please describe who mistreated you and how they mistreated you.
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20. Can you name or describe the police officers or states’ attorneys that interviewed you?
   Name: ______________________________________________________
   Description: __________________________________________________
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21. What was the total length of the interview? ___________________________

22. Did you ask to speak with a lawyer during any of your interviews? YES NO

23. Were you ever told that you could speak with a lawyer? YES NO
24. Were you identified in a photo array or lineup?
   (Please circle)  No  Yes, A Photo Array  Yes, A Lineup

25. Did you give a statement/confession?  YES  NO

26. If “Yes,” please answer the following questions:

   Who did you give the statement to? ____________________________________

   Was a lawyer present when you gave the statement?  YES  NO
   Was the statement oral or written?  YES  NO
   Did you sign the statement?  YES  NO

27. If you did give a statement, what did you say?

   ____________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________

28. Did the victim identify you?  YES  NO
   If “Yes,” When? Where? (E.g., at trial, in a lineup, at the scene of the crime, etc.)
   ____________________________________________________________________

29. Did anyone else identify you?  YES  NO
   If “Yes,” When? Where?
   ____________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________
Questions About The Forensic Evidence

30. Was a weapon found?  YES  NO
   If “Yes,” please describe where and how the weapon was found.
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

31. Please enter **ALL evidence** you know of that was found in the investigation of your case.

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<td>(Examples: blood, saliva, vaginal swabs, gun shot residue, fingerprints or bodily fluids, etc.)</td>
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32. List any item or items of evidence you believe should have been submitted to DNA or other testing and indicate how you believe that test will show that you are innocent.

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33. Is there any evidence that was not found that you think should be investigated and tested?

__________________________________________________________________
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Questions About Your Trial

34. Name of Judge: _________________

35. Case number: _________________

36. Date of conviction: _________________

37. Name of your attorney: _________________

38. What kind of trial did you have? BENCH JURY NONE

39. Were there any pre-trial motions? YES NO

40. What were they? Please list below.
(For example: motions to suppress evidence or a confession)

   a. ________________________________ Successful? ( )

   b. ________________________________ Successful? ( )

   c. ________________________________ Successful? ( )

   d. ________________________________ Successful? ( )
41. Did you testify at trial?  YES  NO
If “Yes,” what did you say?
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42. If No, why didn’t you testify at trial?
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43. Did the victim(s) testify at trial?  YES  NO
If “Yes,” what did the victim(s) say.
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44. Who else testified at your trial? What did they say?

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45. Please describe the defense you or your attorney raised at trial (e.g., misidentification, self-defense). What did your attorney tell the judge/jury?

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46. Did you or your attorney file any post-trial motions for a new trial (Krankel motions, ineffective assistance of counsel motions, Brady motions, etc)?

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Questions About Appeals & Petitions
Please list any information you have. If you did your own filings, list your attorney as pro se.

Direct Appeal:
It was filed on _________(date) at ___________________________(court).
My attorney was _________________
What was the decision and the date given? _____________________________
Please list what issues were raised:
__________________________________________________________________

Post-conviction Petition:
It was filed on _________(date) at ___________________________(court).
What was the decision and the date given? _____________________________
Please list what issues were raised:
__________________________________________________________________

State Habeas Petition:
My attorney was _________________
What was the date filed?_____________________________________
In what court did you file the petition?__________________________
What was the decision date?____________________________________
What was the decision?_____________________________________
Please list what issues were raised:
__________________________________________________________________

Federal Habeas Petition:
My attorney was _________________
What was the date filed?_____________________________________
In what court did you file the petition?__________________________
What was the decision date?____________________________________
What was the decision?_____________________________________
Please list what issues were raised:
__________________________________________________________________

Petition for executive clemency:
If yes, what date did you file?__________________________________
My attorney was _________________________________________
What decision was made (if any)? _________________________________
If you are currently represented by counsel, please provide their information below.

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Phone Number _______________________

Please list any documents that you think might be helpful to your case, and tell us if you (or a loved one) currently have the documents.

________________________________________________________________________ Have a copy?___________
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Additional Information

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Mailing Address: ____________________________
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Today’s Date: ________

Use this sheet if you forgot something important, or have new evidence to share with us AFTER you’ve mailed in your application.

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