

Sample Declaration #1

Date

Name

Address

Dear Your Honor,

[Briefly acknowledge the conviction]:

In [YEAR], I was convicted of [OFFENSE]. I take full responsibility for my past actions and the impact my actions had on other people. I now petition the court to consider my motion to dismiss my conviction due to the work I have done since my conviction.

[If applicable, briefly describe life circumstances at the time of the conviction.]:

Example 1: At the time of my conviction(s), I was battling an addiction to drugs. After my last conviction, I accepted that I had a problem, and I sought help. I began attending Narcotics Anonymous, and I got clean. I began to see how the life I lived while on drugs not only hurt myself, but also led to destructive decisions that broke the law and could hurt those around me. I promised myself that I would stay clean, and I began work to build a new life.

Example 2: On date I made a mistake that I seriously regret. Though it was an isolated incident, I do not offer any excuses for my conviction. Since my arrest, I have focused to do anything in my power to move on from the conviction.

Example 3: At the time of my convictions, I was young and making poor choices. I regret both my own actions and the people I surrounded myself with at that time. Unfortunately, I did not begin to learn from my mistakes until after my convictions. However, after my final conviction, I began to turn my life around.

[Describe what you have done since the conviction.]:

Examples: Since my convictions, I have gone to school and gotten a diploma in X. I have helped other people who are recovering from drug addictions. I have worked in X job for X years, and my manager has consistently complimented my work. I am active in my community, and I

volunteer with young people regularly. I help take care of my elderly parents/grandparents. I have committed myself to my faith, and I am active in my church.

[Describe your goals/why you are applying for expungement.]:

Examples: I now hope to go back to school so that I can become a vocational nurse. In order to move forward in my career, I need to be able to expunge/reduce my conviction. I hope to create a better future for my children, and expunging my record will greatly help me in doing that.

[Respectfully request the court grants your request]

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the court expunge/reduce my conviction so that I can continue to achieve my goals and contribute to society to the best of my ability.

Thank you for your consideration,

[SIGN HERE]

NAME

DATE