

# Have a Juvenile Record in Maryland?

## Tips for answering application and interview questions

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Many applications ask:

**"Have you ever been convicted of a crime?"**

If you do not have any adult court convictions, you may answer **NO**. Being adjudicated delinquent (similar to being found guilty) in a juvenile court case is not a conviction.



2

The Common Application for college asks:

**"Have you ever been adjudicated guilty or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?"**

You can answer **NO** if you don't have an adult record and you don't have a juvenile record in another state.

3

When I apply for a job or college:

**Can employers or colleges see my juvenile record?**

**NO.** Maryland juvenile records are confidential and not available for employers or colleges to see.



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On an application or in an interview:

**Do I always have to mention my juvenile record if asked about it?**

If you can get the court to expunge your record, you do not have to mention it on college or job applications or in interviews. For help, contact the Maryland Office of the Public Defender at 877-430-5187.



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