

YOUTH FOR INNOCENCE

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Youth for Innocence Intake Form

Youth for Innocence works to summarize wrongful conviction cases, presenting them to innocence organizations and lawyers to argue your case. To have your case considered, please complete the following intake form, attaching additional pages and/or documents as needed. You can mail the completed form to the address above. If you have any questions, please have someone send an email to info@youthforinnocence.org. We balance volunteering with other commitments, like school and work, so we are unlikely to be available to answer the phone.

DISCLAIMER: No lawyers work for Youth for Innocence. We are completely based in advocacy. None of us are lawyers. We cannot give legal advice or draft any legal documents, nor do we claim to be lawyers. We do not control whether innocence organizations agree to take on your case.

Youth for Innocence only considers cases of factual innocence. We do not consider cases of oversentencing or clemency.

Name: _____

Inmate number: _____

Case number: _____

Crime(s) convicted of: _____

Date(s) of the crime(s): _____

Date of arrest: _____

Date of conviction: _____

Sentence received: _____

Co-defendants (if applicable): _____

Trial Lawyer: _____

Appellate Lawyer (if applicable): _____

Sentence received: _____

Do you have access to your case file? If not, who might have access to your case file?

Do you have access to a prison messaging service? If so, which platform do you have access to?

The basic facts of the crime: What happened? When? Where? What were the charges?

What was your alibi? In other words, what were you doing at the time of the crime?

Did any witnesses identify you? How? (i.e., a six-pack, photo lineup, lineup, showup)

Do you know the victims? If so, how do you know the victims?

Is there any new evidence that was not used at trial that could help demonstrate your innocence?

When did you learn about this evidence?

Are there any items of physical evidence that you believe were not found or tested that could help prove your innocence? Please list and describe any such evidence.

Please list any post-conviction filings in your case. Do you have access to these filings?

Name and contact information of a point of contact outside prison (list multiple if applicable):

Acknowledgement and Authorization

I acknowledge that I have read and filled out the form above to the best of my ability. I understand that Youth for Innocence is an advocacy organization, not a law firm. Youth for Innocence cannot control whether lawyers choose to take on my case. The submission of this form does not guarantee that Youth for Innocence will look into my case.

I hereby authorize my current and former counsel to release any and all information and documents regarding my case to Youth for Innocence. I understand that, since volunteers at Youth for Innocence are not lawyers, there is no attorney-client privilege; however, Youth for Innocence volunteers will strive to maintain the utmost confidentiality with my case.

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____