Applicants will need to supply an official Criminal History Record Information check from the State Police or other state agency for every state in which the candidate has resided during the past five years. The reports must dated within six(6) months of the date of the application.

There is a nominal fee for this report. According to the state’s website, there are two methods of requesting a Criminal Record report in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania State Police has established a web-based computer application called “Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History,” (PATCH). Using this system, a requestor can apply for a criminal background check. According to the site, eighty-five percent of the time, “No Record” certificates are returned immediately through the Internet to the requestor.

On-line requests can be submitted using the following web link: https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp