

JUVENILE COURT
POLICY/PROCEDURE

EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORD

POLICY

Pursuant to §938.355(4m) a juvenile who has been adjudged delinquent may, on attaining 17 years of age, petition the court to expunge the court's record of the juvenile's adjudication.

Expungement will not be approved if the juvenile, even though he/she has reached age 17, is currently under Juvenile Court jurisdiction/supervision.

Expungement will only be approved in exceptional circumstances in which the juvenile/adult making the request demonstrates through course of conduct and/or provision of other information that it is in both the best interests of the juvenile and the public that their juvenile record be expunged.

PROCEDURE

The juvenile may request expungement on a form provided by the Court and available from the Juvenile Court Commissioner Clerk or online at www.wicourts.gov. The Petition to Expunge the record should be filed with the current Juvenile Court Judge most recently entering any order on the case. If the most recent juvenile orders were entered by a judge not currently serving as a juvenile judge, the Petition should be filed with the Juvenile Court Commissioner Clerk. In these cases, the Juvenile Court Commissioner will review the request, approve as appropriate, or schedule for a hearing at their discretion.

If approved/denied by a Judge, the branch staff will prepare the order, docket the case, and (if approved) forward the file and order to the designated Clerk of Courts staff member who will be responsible for expunging information from the CCAP system. If approved/denied by the Commissioner, the Juvenile Court Commissioner Clerk will perform the above, including sending the file to the designated Clerk of Courts staff for deletion from the CCAP system.