

Eligibility and Application Requirements

Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program

Department of State

State of Tennessee

312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 6th Floor

Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Phone: 615-253-3043

sos.tn.gov/safeathome



Tre Hargett
Secretary of State

This document will outline the eligibility and application requirements for the Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program.

The Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program is open to all victims of domestic abuse, stalking, human trafficking, rape, sexual battery, or any other sexual offense who satisfy eligibility and application requirements at no cost.

Who may apply for program participation?

- Any adult may apply on their own behalf
- A parent may apply on behalf of their minor child
- A fiduciary, such as a guardian or conservator, may apply on behalf of a minor or a person with a disability

What are the Eligibility Requirements?

- The applicant must be a victim of domestic abuse, stalking, human trafficking, or any sexual offense, such as rape or sexual battery. Applicants must be able to provide one of the following:
 - Documentation that an ongoing criminal case exists that may result in (or has already resulted in) a conviction by a judge, jury or guilty plea in which the applicant was a victim of domestic abuse, stalking, human trafficking, or any other sexual offense; or
 - Documentation that a court has granted an order of protection which is in effect at the time of the application; or
 - The applicant must submit a notarized statement by a licensed professional, such as an attorney, social worker, or therapist, confirming that the applicant is a victim of abuse and that the applicant is in danger of further harm.
- The applicant must have relocated to a new residence within the previous thirty (30) days or presently intend to relocate to a new residence within the next ninety (90) days.

Who is not eligible to participate in the program?

Any person who is required by law to be registered under any of the following is not eligible to participate in the program:

- Tennessee Sexual Offender and Violent Sexual Offender Registration Verification and Tracking Act of 2004, compiled at Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2;
- Tennessee Animal Abuser Registration Act, compiled at Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 1
- Registry of persons who have abused, neglected, or misappropriated the property of vulnerable individuals, compiled at Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 10; or,
- Drug offender registry under Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-436.

What are the application requirements?

- The Office of the Secretary of State has developed an application form that must be used to apply for the program, which captures all required information.
- The application must be completed with the assistance of a Certified Application Assistant, who must also sign the application.
- The application must be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State.

Where can a Certified Application Assistant be contacted?

- Certified Application Assistants work with various state and local agencies and/or nonprofit agencies that provide counseling and shelter services to victims of domestic abuse and other crimes. To find a Certified Application Assistant, potential applicants may visit sos.tn.gov/safeathome to find a list of Certified Application Assistants and the organizations they work with.

For more information, contact the Safe At Home Program or visit sos.tn.gov/safeathome.