

## Pennsylvania Act 153 Requirements

In accordance with Pennsylvania Domestic Relations Code (23 PA.C.S.) – Omnibus Amendments Act of Oct 22, 2014, P.L. 2529, No. 153, all Registered Adult Volunteers within the state of Pennsylvania must obtain clearance prior to working with children. Those volunteers approved by this Headquarters prior to August 25, 2015 must submit their completed certifications no later than July 1, 2016. Volunteers approved after August 25, 2015 may not work with the Young Marines until their completed certifications have been sent to Headquarters. Every volunteer is required to obtain the Child Abuse Clearance, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Check, and Disclosure Statement or FBI Federal Criminal History Certification. Links to each of these certifications are listed below.

1. Child Abuse Clearance
  - a. <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>
2. Pennsylvania State Police Request for Criminal History Check
  - a. <https://epatch.state.pa.us/>
3. Disclosure Statement for residents living in the state of Pennsylvania for the entirety of the previous ten year period.
  - a. [https://www.ymdb.org/YM\\_UPLOADS/LibraryDownloads/PA\\_Disclosure\\_State\\_V1.pdf](https://www.ymdb.org/YM_UPLOADS/LibraryDownloads/PA_Disclosure_State_V1.pdf)
4. Pennsylvania residents who have lived outside the state at any time during the previous ten year period must apply for FBI federal criminal history certification. The cost is \$27.75 through the Department of Human Services.
  - a. [https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index\\_dpwNew.htm](https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpwNew.htm)

Completed clearances will be sent to Young Marines National Headquarters via email, fax or mail. Copies may be kept by the applicant as they are transferable within the state of Pennsylvania. Certifications are valid for 5 years at which time the volunteer must re-certify.

