

Clean Slate FAQs

Q: What is the goal of Clean Slate?

A: Clean Slate aims to give people an opportunity to resolve an outstanding New York City summons warrant without fear of arrest. View our flyer in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), and Chinese ([Traditional](#) or [Simplified](#)).

Q: I received a summons in a borough other than Manhattan. Can I still have my warrant resolved at Clean Slate?

A: Yes, you can. Any summons warrant issued in New York City qualifies. Warrant holders from all five boroughs are encouraged to come.

Q: I have a summons-related warrant for an offense that is not listed on your flyer. Can I still have my warrant resolved at Clean Slate?

A: Yes. All warrants connected to summonses are eligible for Clean Slate. Exceptions include traffic tickets and transit tickets – see below.

Q: I have an outstanding traffic ticket. Can I still have my warrant resolved at Clean Slate?

A: No. Moving violations are addressed by the [Department of Motor Vehicles](#).

Q: I received a transit ticket on the bus or subway. Can I still have my warrant resolved at Clean Slate?

A: No. All transit summonses are addressed by the [Transit Adjudication Bureau](#).

Q: I have not received a letter from the Courts or the NYPD about Clean Slate. May I still attend?

A: Yes. All warrants connected to summonses issued in New York City may qualify.

Q: My summons-related offense has been answered, but it was never cleared from my record. Can I have this issue cleared from my record at Clean Slate?

A: Legal Aid attorneys will be present at Clean Slate sites to provide advice about the steps you can take to clear your record.

Q: What happens if I have a more serious offense on my record and I come to Clean Slate?

A: Legal Aid representatives will provide advice about how to handle your outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrant.

Q: I have been re-arrested multiple times for summons-related warrants on my record. Does this arrest history exclude me from Clean Slate?

A: No, all summons warrants will be handled at Clean Slate

Q: What other resources are available at the Clean Slate event?

A: Job training, healthcare provision, legal assistance, and general social service assistance will be among the resources available at Clean Slate.

Q: Do I need to take identification with me to Clean Slate?

A: Yes, you will need to bring a photo ID.

Q: Can I address someone else's warrant at Clean Slate?

A: No, the judge will only consider cases where the individual that was issued the warrant is present.

Q: I received a summons very recently and I have not yet had a court date. Can I address the summons at Clean Slate?

A: No, Clean Slate is only for outstanding summons warrants. Those who have summonses with a future court date will not be able to see the judge at Clean Slate.

Q: Can I bring family members with me to Clean Slate?

A: Only warrant holders are allowed in the waiting room and court room, but family members are welcome on the Clean Slate event grounds, including at the resource fair.

Q: I lost my original summons. Can I come without it?

A: Yes, staff at Clean Slate will be able to access your original summons.

Q: I am an undocumented immigrant. Can I participate?

A: Yes, anyone with an open summons warrant can address it at Clean Slate, regardless of immigration status.

Q: I don't speak English. Will you have translators?

A: Yes, there will be interpreters available at Clean Slate.

Q: Once the summons warrant is resolved, will it be erased from my criminal record?

A: The warrant will be erased and you will receive a letter from the court showing your case was resolved.