

NSOPR and State Criminal History Checks
Frequently Asked Questions
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- Who receives a NSOPR website background check?
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- Who receives a state criminal history background check?
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- How does CMM proceed with a state criminal history background check?
Permission must be given in writing, by the AmeriCorps Applicant/member to CMM. CMM uses a standard form before a state criminal history background check is performed.
- What would prohibit an Applicant/Member from serving?
Currently the only offense that prohibits an Applicant/Member from serving in AmeriCorps is a sex crime that requires registration with the National Sex Offender Public Registry.

I changed the order of these last two questions

- What happens if a criminal history is found in a state criminal history check?
A criminal history other than one which requires registration with NSOPR does not preclude an individual from serving as an AmeriCorps member. CMM is required to run the background check. Results from the background checks are kept confidential and secure.
- What happens if an offense appears during the NSOPR check?
The AmeriCorps Applicant/Member will be confidentially contacted by the AmeriCorps Program Coordinator and/ or the Executive Director of CMM. The AmeriCorps Applicant/Member will be given reasonable opportunity to review and challenge the factual accuracy of the search result. We will not share this information with your site supervisor or anyone at your community mediation center.

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