

To qualify for the Veterans Court a defendant MUST:

-Be charged with a criminal offense in Brazoria County;

-Be a US Veteran, on active duty, or in the Reserves, or National Guard or State Guard;

-Be active duty or have an honorable discharge, or general discharge under honorable conditions (if separated or retired.);

-Be a resident of Brazoria County or a county adjoining Brazoria County;

-Suffer from a brain injury, illegal substance/alcohol addiction, mental illness or mental disorder or be a victim of military sexual trauma that occurred or resulted from military service. OR

-Be a defendant whose participation in the treatment court program is likely to achieve the objective of ensuring public safety through rehabilitation of the veteran.

All applications are reviewed on a case by case basis and not all criminal charges are eligible for Veterans Court. Many factors, including prior convictions, are considered.

The Veterans Court program is voluntary and involves at least fourteen (14) months of treatment.

There is a standard program fee of up to \$750.00. Collection of fees can change depending on the participant's financial situation.

Compliance with probation conditions and treatment conditions are mandatory. The staffing team determines whether or not an applicant is tentatively eligible. The Department of Veterans Affairs examines the defendant and provides information for further assessment. The presiding judge of the trial court makes the final determination on whether or not an applicant is able to participate in Veterans Court. Veterans participating in the court are given access to appointed defense counsel for the duration of the proceedings.

If you believe you are a qualifying veteran and would like to apply to the Veterans Court program, please notify court staff, jail personnel or a Brazoria County Veterans Service Officer immediately.



Administration

The Brazoria County Veterans Court is a non-adversarial treatment program. Veterans accepted into the program have their cases administratively transferred to Veteran's Court for the duration of treatment proceedings; however, the case remains under the jurisdiction of the District Court or County Court at Law in which the case was originally assigned. Currently presiding over the Veterans Court is Judge Jessica Pulcher; 149th District Court.

The Brazoria County Veterans Court does not discriminate based on color, ethnicity, religion, sex, disability, or age, in the delivery of services.

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Brazoria County Veterans Court

The Mission:

To assist those Veterans with felony and misdemeanor offenses through the cooperative use of support, treatment and accountability in an effort to reduce recidivism, and to promote a productive lifestyle that leaves no Veteran behind.



*Initial Application,
Description of Eligibility,
Program Requirements*

BRAZORIA COUNTY

VETERANS COURT- INITIAL APPLICATION

Please fill out this application completely. Applicants must additionally complete a VA 10-5345 form and provide a DD214. Your application is not complete without each of these documents.

Applicant Information

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| Name: | | |
| Date of Birth: | SSN: | Phone: |
| Current Address: | | |
| City: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Email Address: | Defense Attorney: | |

Applicant Employment Information

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| Current Employer: | | |
| Employer Address: | | How Long? |
| Phone No: | Position: | Annual Income: |

Applicant Pending Criminal Charges

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| Criminal Charge: | Court: |
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Applicant Criminal History

Please list prior felony convictions: _____

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Please list prior misdemeanor _____

Applicant Military Background

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| Branch: | Rank: | Grade: | Circle One: Active Reserve |
| Start Date: | End Date: | Discharge Type: | |
| Combat/Hazardous Duty Deployments: _____ | | | |
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| Military Occupational Specialty | | | |

Applicant Military Service Related Disability Background

List Military Service Connected Disabilities: _____

List any Rehabilitation or Other Recovery Programs: _____

Veterans Administration (VA) Disability Rating: _____

Legal Warning

I authorize the Brazoria County Veterans Court staff to verify the information provided on this form, including my military, criminal and employment history. **I understand I will need to provide all the documents listed in the application requirements to complete my initial application.** I further understand that other forms may be presented to me or my attorney and that those forms must be completed in order for me to participate in Veterans Treatment Court. I HEREBY SWEAR AND AFFIRM that I am currently an active duty member of the United State military OR that I have received an honorable discharge or general discharge from United States military service. I further HEREBY SWEAR AND AFFIRM that my military background, Social Security Number and all other information I have added to this form is valid and correct. I understand that making a false statement on this form is a violation of the laws of the State of Texas that may be prosecuted as a separate criminal offense.

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| Signature of Applicant: | Date: |
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