

**Texas Cooperative Extension
Youth Protection Standards
Approved Prior Screening Entities**

School Districts

Churches

Youth Groups/Associations

Little League, Sports Association, etc.

Youth Agencies/Organizations

Big Brother/Big Sister, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, After School/Extended Care Programs, etc.

Law Enforcement

County, State or Federal law enforcement

Prison system

Texas Youth Commission

Department of Defense - Child and Youth Services

Department of Defense - Family Programs

Concealed Handgun License

Licensed Day Care Workers

Volunteers may document a prior criminal background check from another entity on the volunteer application. Texas Cooperative Extension will only accept screenings performed by entities on the approved list. The minimum requirement is a criminal background check conducted through DPS or a national criminal search entity.

Documentation may include a letter of acceptance from the employee or volunteer group, a letter written to Texas Cooperative Extension stating the volunteer has been screened and passed, or a copy of the volunteer card or credentials.

If a volunteer claims prior screening, but it is not from an approved entity, he/she must be screened through the Youth Protection Standards Program.

Although volunteers may have been screened and passed a criminal background check through an approved entity, it is Texas Cooperative Extension's policy that volunteers be screened every three years, no matter the entity.