



ATL Court

*The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia's
Accountability, Treatment, and Leadership Court*

Request to Apply

PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE SUBMITTING A REQUEST TO APPLY.

Obtaining admission to the ATL Court is a two-step process: submission of a Request to Apply, and (if invited to do so) submission of a full application. Not everyone will be invited to proceed to the second step. Some people will be presumed ineligible for the program based on the factors listed on the last page of this document. This initial step of the process is intended to identify such ineligible applicants early on so that they do not unnecessarily expend resources and/or divulge confidential information.

In considering this Request to Apply, the ATL Court committee will review the applicant's criminal history and the charges in the pending indictment.

If your Request to Apply is granted, you will be contacted and invited to submit a full application.

Please do not submit a full application unless invited to do so.

If you are presumed ineligible for the program but would still like to apply, you must provide a letter explaining to the ATL Court committee why an exception is appropriate in your case.

The Request to Apply should be filed as early in the case as possible, preferably before the pretrial-motions deadline. It must be filed in the CM/ECF system under case number 1:YY-ax-77777. Step-by-step instructions for filing are available [here](#). **Only defendants who have been charged beginning in calendar year 2022 are eligible to apply.**



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Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Name of Defense Counsel: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Indictment number*: _____

Charges, including code section(s): _____

*If you have received a pre-indictment letter from the government and do not have an indictment number, please attach a copy of the letter to your Request to Apply.



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There are no fixed criteria for selecting individuals for participation in the program; however, the following are **presumed ineligible** for the program:

1. Defendants whose current offense conduct includes personally committing, or directing others to commit, acts of violence. An act of violence means the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person of another, whether with or without a weapon or an object;
2. Defendants with more than minor involvement in large-scale fraud or narcotics distribution;
3. Defendants who would be safety valve-ineligible, as defined in the First Step Act and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(f);
4. Defendants who are charged with possession of a firearm during the offense in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c) or 922(j), or in which the charge itself is a prohibited person in possession or receipt of a firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) or 922(n);
5. Defendants who are charged with a human trafficking offense;
6. Defendants who are charged with sexual offenses that would classify as either Tier II or Tier III under 34 U.S.C. § 20911(3) and (4);
7. Defendants with a prior conviction for a sexual offense if the offense would (A) classify as a Tier II or a Tier III under 34 U.S.C. § 20911(3) and (4); and (B) earn criminal history points under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines;
8. Defendants charged with child exploitation, including possession or distribution of child pornography;
9. Defendants charged with crimes related to terrorism under Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 113B; and,
10. Defendants who were subject to removal by immigration authorities prior to committing the charged conduct.

If the applicant's case includes (or may include) one or more of these circumstances, he or she **MUST** file as an attachment to this Request to Apply form a letter explaining why the presumption should not apply here: that is, why he or she will be a good candidate for the program despite the forbidden circumstance. In other words, why is the applicant an exception to the rule? And what drivers of his or her criminal conduct can be addressed by participation in the program thereby preventing the applicant from committing future crimes?