

SAMPLE DECLARATION #2

1. For more than 15 years, I had a serious addiction to drugs, including methamphetamine. The need to feed my addiction led me to commit crimes, which I deeply regret. But in May 2013, I made the decision to change my life, and since then I have accomplished more than I would have thought possible. May 31, 2013 is my "clean date": I have not used any mind- or mood-altering substance, including alcohol, marijuana, methamphetamine or prescription drugs, since that date.

2. In that time:

- a. I have been a consistent member of Narcotics Anonymous (NA), regularly attending meetings and sponsoring other members;
- b. I completed two treatment programs, one residential (██████████) and one outpatient (██████████ ██████████ ██████████);
- c. Most importantly, I navigated the Child Welfare system successfully and was granted full custody of my son, who had previously been living in a foster home;
- d. I have maintained the same apartment for three years;
- e. I became employable and worked in a trusted position as a front-end manager at a major ██████████ and held that position for a year and a half, leaving on excellent terms of my own volition only because I decided to go back to school;
- f. I completed my Associates of Science degree in Human Services and began interning at ██████████ residential treatment program, the same program I graduated from in 2013. I am now a paid employee for ██████████;
- g. I have been honored as the guest speaker for the outpatient program I graduated from, ██████████.

3. Currently I am taking a 60-hour domestic violence and sexual assault counselor training program offered by ██████████

██████████ I am scheduled to complete the training on March 24, 2017. I have committed to volunteering with ██████████ for one year after I complete the training.

4. My current goals are to return to school, graduate with a degree in social work, and continue to help others.

5. These accomplishments and my contributions to society are a result of being a member of NA. By working the steps of NA, I have learned about myself and how to practice spiritual principles. I learned to live with integrity by doing the right thing even when nobody is looking. NA has encouraged me to become the woman I was always meant to be.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is my transcript from ██████████, where I achieved a 3.28 cumulative grade point average.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit Bis the [REDACTED] Early Termination of Probation, dated August 22, 2016.

8. I am I proud to say that I am a now a responsible mother, daughter, sister, friend, sponsor, counselor, and contributing member of my community. I have a fulfilling and meaningful life today that I would never sacrifice to return to my past life of drug addiction and crime.

9. I can't change the past but I can change my actions today in order to keep moving forward. I am passionate about the Human Services field and I am eager to continue my education and make more significant contributions to my community.

10. Unfortunately, no amount of education will erase my criminal record when seeking employment. That is why I am attempting to address these issues now.