

**Authorization for Background Check for Entry into the
Tennessee Technological University Teacher Education Program**

Print Name: _____ **TNumber:** _____

Tennessee Code Annotated §49-5-5610 requires that any student wishing to enter an approved teacher education program must undergo a criminal history check and fingerprinting by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. The law also requires the student to sign an authorization and release form authorizing a qualified Tennessee Licensed private investigation company to complete a criminal history records check, if necessary.

Payment of any reasonable costs incurred by the Tennessee Bureau of investigation in conducting fingerprinting and background investigation is the responsibility of the student.

Complete and submit this form along with your application documentation for admission to the Tennessee Technological University Teacher Education Program. Mail form to: Precious Edmonds, Certification Analyst, TTU Box 5092, Cookeville, TN 38501 or Fax form to: 931-372-6286.

1. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO

If yes, please indicate dates and the nature of ALL offenses:

2. If you have resided outside the State of Tennessee within the past ten (10) years, please list those states and/or foreign countries:

By signing this form, I certify that the above stated information is true, accurate, and complete.

I also authorize the release of all investigative records resulting from a fingerprinting sample and a criminal history background check conducted by the TBI and FBI. I understand that this information may be used by Tennessee Technological University to verify the accuracy of my application, and may furthermore be grounds for denying admission to the teacher education program for which I have applied. Additionally, I authorize the institution to use the qualified Tennessee licensed private investigation company L-1 Identity Solutions to retain the necessary information needed.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For information on how to obtain an appointment for fingerprinting and initiate the criminal background check process, visit <http://www.tntech.edu/teachered/background-check/>.