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## Section 5. Eligibility for certification.

Applicants shall:

- a. be at least 18 years of age,
- b. be of good moral character,
- c. not be a convicted felon
- d. submit an official background check from the designated state authority or from the National Crime Information Center, and
- e. not have been adjudicated or found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any felony, or to any misdemeanor that reflects adversely on the applicant's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a reporter in other respects, or to any crime a necessary element of which, as determined by the statutory or common law definition of the crime, involves interference with the administration of justice, false swearing, misrepresentation, fraud, deceit, bribery, extortion, misappropriation, theft, or an attempt, conspiracy or solicitation of another to commit a felony.

### History Text:

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### Associated Court Rules:

Rules Providing for Certification of Court Reporters

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