

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Pardons in Pennsylvania are only available for crimes committed under Pennsylvania law (not federal or other states). All candidates for free service are subject to preliminary review on a case-by-case basis. People accepted into the program receive free coaching in how best to complete the application form. Income-eligible clients are also able to obtain the required criminal court records for free. People who are not accepted into the program will be given information and referrals, when possible.

These are our requirements for free service:

- Residence or conviction in Cumberland County
- Pardon applicants must have fully completed their period of incarceration and any period of parole or probation, and must not have any open and pending criminal cases.
- Household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines – that is (currently) \$27,180/year for an individual, \$55,500/year for a family of 4 (case-by-case basis for anyone above 200%)
- At least 8 years have passed since the completion of most recent sentence (may be shorter if you only have one conviction and it is for possessing a small amount of marijuana or minor retail thefts), and no open charges or prosecutions
- No conviction, at any time, in any jurisdiction, of any of the following crimes:
 - (i) Murder of the third degree, voluntary manslaughter, rape, sexual assault, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated assault as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702(a)(1) (relating to aggravated assault), robbery as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 3701(a)(1)(i),(ii) or (iii) (relating to robbery) or kidnapping.
 - (ii) An attempt to commit murder of the third degree, voluntary manslaughter, rape, sexual assault, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated assault as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702(a)(1), robbery as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 3701 (a)(1)(i),(ii) or (iii) or kidnapping.
 - (iii) An offense committed while in visible possession of a firearm for which sentencing was imposed under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9712 (relating to sentences for offenses committed with firearms).
- Applicants with records of alcohol, mental health, or substance abuse problems must demonstrate past and continuing commitment to appropriate treatment programs and sobriety (a “clean date” of at least 5 years ago is strongly recommended).

Potential clients will be counseled about the Board of Pardons’ policy that requires payment of, or payment plans for, court fines, fees, costs, and restitution.

These requirements can be changed at any time. The Pardon Project and all of its volunteers reserve the right to decline assistance to any pardon applicant for any or no reason.

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