

Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project

FULL CRITERIA

A collaboration between the Drug Enforcement and Policy Center at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, the Reentry Clinic at The University of Akron School of Law and the Office of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. The applicant must have no felony or misdemeanor criminal convictions in the last 10 years.
 - a. While minor traffic violations are acceptable during the 10-year period, a DUI or OVI on one's record is not. A DUI or OVI is a criminal offense and therefore would disqualify an applicant if convicted within the last 10 years. If the offense was pled down to a lesser offense, the Project Team will evaluate whether the conviction resulted in a "minor traffic offense" or not, on a case-by-case basis.
2. The applicant must have finished all requirements of their sentence prior to the 10-year period.
3. The applicant must have made a good faith effort to pay all court-ordered restitution and/or court costs.
4. The applicant may not have been convicted of any of the following offenses:
 - a. Aggravated Murder, Murder.
 - b. Rape, Sexual Battery, Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Gross Sexual imposition, sexual imposition, pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, illegal use of a minor in nudity oriented material or performance, felonious sexual penetration, importuning, compelling prostitution, promoting prostitution, disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, displaying matter harmful to juveniles, pandering obscenity, deception to obtain matter harmful to juveniles, human trafficking.
 - c. Kidnapping, abduction, felony child endangering, terrorism.
 - d. Domestic violence.
5. The applicant must have some post-offense employment history or must present compelling reasons for why they cannot be employed.
6. The applicant must have some volunteer or non-court ordered community service or can otherwise demonstrate efforts to give back to his/her community.