

Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project

OGEP Criteria

The following are the minimum requirements an individual must meet to be considered for the Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee that an applicant will be selected to participate in the project.

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 must not have been convicted of any of the disqualifying offenses below. Those charged with a disqualifying offense are not eligible unless their entire case was dismissed. Disqualifying offenses include:
 - a. Aggravated Murder, Murder, Attempted Murder, Voluntary Manslaughter, Involuntary Manslaughter, Reckless Homicide, Negligent Homicide, Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Vehicular Homicide.
 - 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 were not employed.
6. The applicant must have some volunteer or non-court ordered community service or can otherwise demonstrate efforts to give back to their community.