

Is your criminal record holding you back?

Have you turned your life around?



Pardons in Pennsylvania

WHAT IS A PARDON?

A pardon is an act by the Governor that erases a conviction from your criminal record. It means you never have to "check the box" and say you've been convicted of the crime that has been pardoned. The Governor decides who should receive a pardon.

A pardon represents forgiveness of a criminal record. It would restore the rights and privileges that were lost as a result of a conviction, including serving on a jury, holding public office, owning a firearm, service in the military, international travel, and employment in various fields.

A pardon...

opens the door to jobs and careers, educational and financial opportunities, and overall life opportunities.

A pardon can improve family relations, build confidence, and give you the chance for a brand new start.

Is a pardon right for me?

A pardon gives you a second chance. To get a pardon, you need to:

- Take full responsibility for the cases on your record,
- Demonstrate how you have changed, and
- Explain how your criminal record is affecting you and why you need a pardon.

Do I need a lawyer?

You do not need a lawyer; however, you may qualify for free legal help. Also, there are several area organizations with resources available to assist you.

Eligibility:

- You must either live in or have a criminal record in Lackawanna County and
- At least 3 years must have passed since you completed your sentence (including probation or parole).

The Pardon Project of Lackawanna County can't help you with federal or out-of-state criminal records. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

What is the Pardon Project?

The Pardon Project of Lackawanna County has a large and growing number of partner agencies who are ready to help you! This is a community effort to help eligible people get Pennsylvania convictions pardoned. The Project will help people with the process of completing and submitting a pardon application to the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons. The Project's purpose is to help former offenders:

- Get a Second Chance,
- Become and stay employed or get a better job, and
- Eliminate roadblocks to housing and education.

Where Can I Learn More or Get Help?

Contact: Lackawanna Pro Bono or The Pardon Project of Lackawanna County
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