

Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition Ex-Offender Representative Selection Criteria and Process

The Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition continues to work towards its mission of ensuring successful offender reentry and the reduction of recidivism. The achievement of this mission requires an active collaboration with a wide diversity of stakeholders. Ex-offenders are themselves key stakeholders, and need to be effectively represented in the collaborations that are formed. To ensure such representation, the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition plans to appoint an ex-offender to its statutory membership.¹

What follows offers guidance to those individuals who, as ex-offenders, would like to be considered for appointment as the ex-offender representative. For more information on the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition, go to the following website address: www.reentrycoalition.ohio.gov.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, the following criteria must be met. The individual applicant:

- must be a legal resident of the state of Ohio;
- must be at least 12 months clear of any state, county or municipal supervision or prison, jail, or Community-Based Correctional Facility and community-based sanction; and,
- must have been convicted of one or more felonies or misdemeanors in Ohio, and be willing to share the challenges or barriers that have occurred as a result.

Submission Process and Criteria to be Considered

- The applicant will submit a letter stating his or her interest, background and desire to serve in this capacity. A resume should be attached or enclosed with the letter.***
- The applicant will, if requested, meet with the Chair of the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition, Gary Mohr, or his designee, to share his or her reasons for seeking the appointment.
- The candidate will agree to serve for a period of 2 years with the understanding this is an unpaid, voluntary appointment.
- The applicant will agree to appear, when requested and available, at events or meetings held or supported by the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition.
- The applicant may and will be encouraged to participate in public events as an advocate for ex-offenders with the understanding they may present themselves as a representative of the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition.
- The applicant, once appointed, will enjoy the same status as all other statutory members of the Reentry Coalition.

***Individual applicants should send their letter and resume to Corrennia Price-Jackson, Office of Offender Reentry, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, 770 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43222. Alternatively, these materials may be submitted via email to corrennia.price-jackson@odrc.state.oh.us. If you have any questions, feel free to email them to this address or call 614.752.0627. *The closing date for submission is September 7, 2012.*

¹ Ohio Senate Bill 337, signed into law on June 26, 2012 adds a statutory member to the Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition who must be an ex-offender appointed by the Director of Rehabilitation and Correction.