

The City of Meriden

is hosting an

INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON **PARDONS**

**INVITED GUESTS: Staff from the
Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles**

July 24, 2019 at 1:30 PM



Griffin Room
Meriden Public Library
105 Miller Street
Meriden, CT



RSVP to (203) 805-6615 by July 17

Is your criminal history holding you back? Have you been denied housing? Denied employment? Unable to volunteer?

Come learn about CT pardons from the experts and determine if you are eligible to apply!

What Types of Relief Are There in Connecticut?

1. **An Absolute Pardon (also known as an expungement)**, if granted, erases your official CT criminal record. You can say on a job application that you have never been convicted of a crime in CT. If you were convicted of a non-violent offense you may not need to attend a hearing. You cannot be incarcerated.
 - Apply three (3) years after the date of the disposition of your most recent Misdemeanor conviction; or
 - Five (5) years after the date of the disposition of your most recent Felony conviction, whichever is later.
2. **A Certificate of Employability (COE)** helps with getting a job or license in CT. It makes it illegal for an employer to deny employment based on the applicant's criminal record alone. Certificates of Employability also indicate that a person is suitable to hold certain types of licenses. COE's do not expunge the convictions from your record. You cannot be incarcerated.
 - If you have recently completed serving a sentence, you must wait until you have successfully been in the community for 90 days with no new arrests before applying with the Board of Pardons and Paroles.
 - If you are on parole or Special Parole supervision, you must wait until you have successfully completed 90 days of supervision before applying with the Board of Pardons and Paroles.
 - If you are on probation, you must wait until you have successfully completed 90 days of supervision before applying with the Court Support Services Division.

Please note: To apply for an Absolute pardon or a Certificate of Employability, you must meet the following criteria:

- * No pending charges or other open cases in any jurisdiction (State or Federal;)
- * No outstanding court fees or fines;
- * No Nolles on your record within the past 13 months; and
- * Not be on any form of supervision (Absolute Pardon)

(There is no fee to apply for a pardon or Certificate of Employability. However, there is a \$75 fee to get a copy of your criminal record from the State Police and may be a small fee to get fingerprinted when applying for an Absolute pardon.)

THIS SESSION IS FREE