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Pardons Granted by Administration

Governor	Mandate Period	Pardons Granted
Gov. Tony Evers	2019-present	603
Gov. Scott Walker	2011-2019	0
Gov. Jim Doyle	2003-2011	293
Gov. Scott McCallum	2001-2003	24

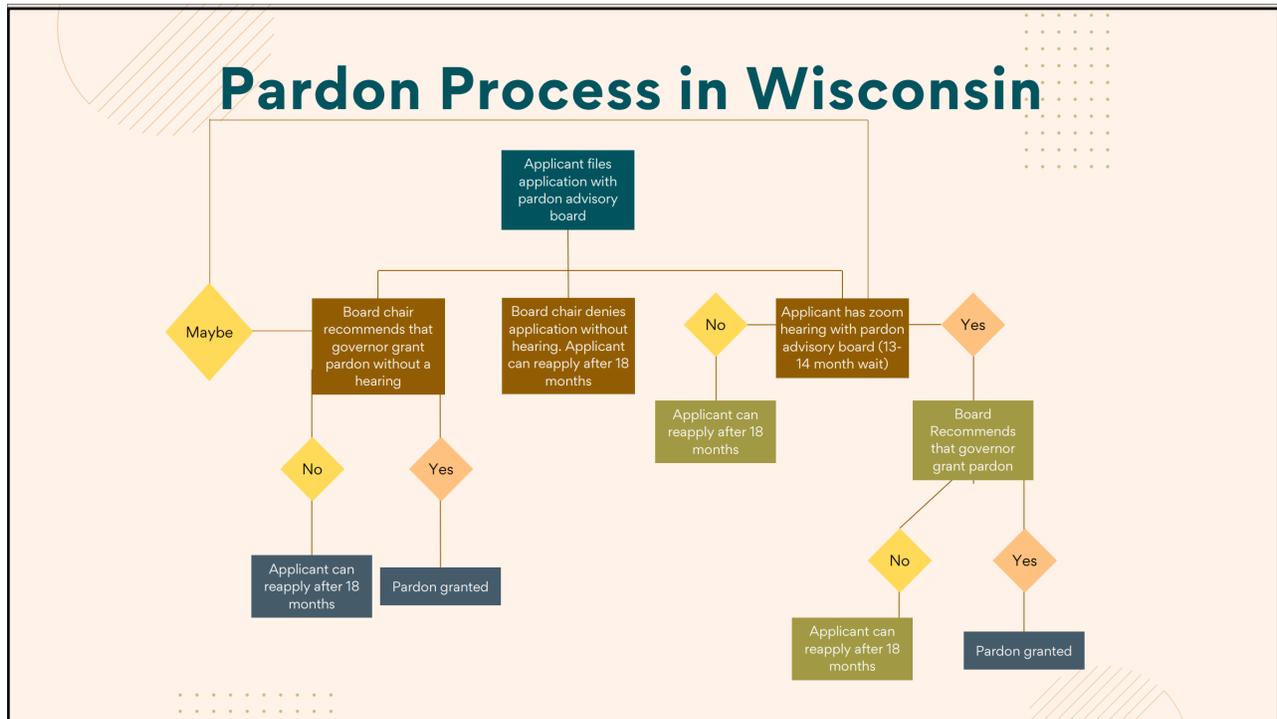
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Current Pardon Eligibility Criteria

Person is eligible for a pardon if **all** of the following conditions apply:

1. Seeking a pardon for a Wisconsin felony conviction.
2. It has been at least five (5) years since they finished any criminal sentence. This means they completed all confinement AND all supervised release (e.g., probation, parole, or extended supervision).
3. Person does not have any pending criminal cases or charges in any jurisdiction.
4. Person not currently required to register as a sex offender.

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Why are Pardons important?

Very limited expungement eligibility in Wisconsin	Professional licensures, accreditations, certifications	Employment
Firearms rights	International travel	Housing
Volunteering at schools	Personal healing	Many more reasons

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Leveraging Partnerships



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TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND
LAW SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT
SERVICE AREA



PRO BONO ATTORNEYS

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Importance of Partnerships

- ▶ Meet people where they are comfortable/tap into trust partners have with community
- ▶ Make services easily accessible (zoom/in person)
- ▶ Reach populations who might not proactively contact/know about your organization
- ▶ “Pressure points” in the system
- ▶ Addressing issues like systemic racism (Wisconsin’s incarceration rate for its Black and Native American residents more than 10 times higher than the white imprisonment rate)
- ▶ Good pro bono case
 - ▶ No strict deadlines
 - ▶ “Feel good” case
 - ▶ Non-litigation
- ▶ Involvement of law and paralegal students

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- ▶ Many pardon applicants are survivors of child abuse/neglect, domestic/sexual violence and/or have experienced poverty, systemic racism, addiction, mental health issues, homophobia, transphobia, human trafficking, etc.
- ▶ Applicants often express shame and embarrassment about their past and it is retraumatizing for them to relive it
- ▶ Important for advocates to have training/background in being trauma informed

Trauma Informed

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Questions?

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