

State Clemency Resources

Which form(s) of clemency does the state offer?

- Pardons
- Commutatons

Decisionmaker

The Prisoner Review Board reviews all applications for clemency before sending them to the governor who makes the final decision.

Resources:

- 🔗 doc.ks.gov/prb/clemency
- 🔗 **ACLU of Kansas Clemency Toolkit:** aclukansas.org/en/publications/filing-clemency-toolkit

Constitutional and statutory authority

- **Constitutional Authority:**
Kan. Constiution Art. I § 7 (re. pardons)
- **Statutory Authority:**
Kan. Stat. § 22-3701

Eligibility Criteria

Anyone who has been convicted of a crime in Kansas can apply for a pardon or commutation.

Application Process

- (1) Complete and forward one copy of the Notice of Clemency Application-Sentencing Form to the Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff and Police Chief located within the county or counties of the applicant's conviction(s).
- (2) Send two copies of the Request for Publication Form to the official county newspaper within the county or counties of conviction. The applicant or his/her representing attorney shall sign and complete the return address at the end of the first paragraph. The Request for Publication Form must include the applicant's name, date of sentencing and county of conviction. When the notice is published, the affidavit and a copy of the printed statement will be returned to the sender and shall then be forwarded to the Kansas Parole Board.
- (3) Complete two copies of the Application for Clemency giving full and explicit reasons for seeking executive clemency. Include information regarding the applicant's conduct and adjustment since conviction.

APPLICATION LINKS

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