



Young Adult Restoration Academy

A Restored Citizen Jobs Program for ages 18-24

Selection Criteria

Type of Offense	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Felony offenses only 2. Offense must be non-violent (Domestic Violence can be no more than 2 charges) 3. No crimes related to children and/or sex offenses
Parole/ Probationary Status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently on parole/probation accepted as well as those who have fulfilled parole/probation obligation 2. No outstanding warrants 3. No open court cases
Substance Free	<p>Use of illegal substances is prohibited</p> <p>A drug test is required and possible random drug testing throughout program</p>
Identification	Valid driver's license (may be required if selected for City employment); state ID accepted
Education	At least a high school diploma or GED
Residency	Legal resident of Franklin County
Time Frame	Reintegrated for a minimum of 9 months

The **Young Adult Restoration Academy (YARA)** is a six-month, paid work experience program for restored citizens (ex-offenders) ages 18-24. Employment increases an ex-offender's opportunities to obtain housing, healthcare and support him/herself and family. To support this important reintegration into society, the **Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC)** and the **City of Columbus** have **partnered to launch YARA.**

Participants will have the opportunity to receive:

- specialized skills training
- supportive services
- access to networking opportunities
- assistance with securing permanent employment

We are currently recruiting for the first cohort of 25 participants. If you're interested or know of individuals that meet the criteria, go to www.cowic.org to apply.

For additional information call 614-559-6063 or yarestoracionacademy@cowic.org

***Applications will be accepted until spaces are filled

