

# PARALEGAL PATHWAYS INITIATIVE



PPI aims to amplify the talents of formerly incarcerated individuals by providing skills-based legal training and connecting them with professional mentorship in preparation for careers in the legal field.

**Apply by: Sunday, November 20, 2022**

## Application Materials

To apply, please fill out the application online:

<https://bit.ly/ppi-application>

The application includes:

- a copy of your resume,
- 350-450 word response to a writing prompt, and
- 500-word personal statement.
- Optional: 1-2 page writing sample.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible you must:

- Be 18 years old or older.
- Reside in New York City.
- Have been formerly incarcerated and at least one year post-release.
- Demonstrate a genuine interest in the legal field.
- Commit to attending a two-hour class one night a week for 12 weeks, and additional programming and workshops
- Commit to contributing to a collaborative learning environment.

We strongly encourage applicants from marginalized communities to apply, including on the bases of race, sexual orientation, religion, age, gender, or disability status.

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