

Benefits of Fair Shake Membership

Bridges to working and networking in today's electronic world

The Member area of the website is exclusively for former felons and exists to provide access to and training in useful technological tools that can build opportunities for a Fair Shake participant.

The Fair Shake Member-Only section includes online tools such as a free email address, a Personal Web Page, data storage area, Personal Resource Directory and several tutorials to learn more about all of the above. Soon you will be able to access the Areas of Study program from here as well.

We recommend you engage in every way possible to demonstrate skills and knowledge you have acquired before, during and after incarceration.

We believe that if you embrace this section of the website you will be able to put your best foot forward to demonstrate your intentions, organizational skills, pride in your work, and diligence to the course you are now taking. We also believe that by utilizing these tools you can help other folks succeed! Not only will your success story be an inspiration but you can also contribute to the newsletter and the Resource Directory, as well as help us fine-tune our program to make Fair Shake a better system. Fair Shake offers the following FREE Benefits:

- **Email:** To be successful you need to communicate well and our email is the fast, inexpensive and waste-free (and ad free!) voice we provide. In the Fair Shake Web Mail you can create messages, read and respond to messages, attach job applications and other documents, and access your address book from any public computer.

Our web mail is most likely an introduction to email for many of our members. Read our tutorial and discover how easy it is to use email as a communication tool, organize your messages and protect your 100 MB account from receiving a lot of junk mail.

There are many other free web mail services available and several offer much larger storage. We suggest that you obtain an email address through another service as well so you have an address to use when you make purchases and/or create other accounts. Reserve your Fair Shake member email for important business and close personal communications.

Please remember that hateful, negative, and criminal emailing will not be tolerated and will result in membership termination.

A user@fairshake.net address shows your commitment to the purpose of Fair Shake – successful reentry - and can be interpreted as such in the eyes of an employer or other business relations. We hope you find Fair Shake Web Mail helpful to support your transition.

- **Personal Web Page:** Your Personal Web Page is a comfortable environment to disclose the information you would like to share with people you permit to visit. Here you can introduce yourself, list your skills, your education and work history, show your photograph, link to your documents and provide relevant and important information not requested in many job applications.

Some people assume the worst when they hear you are a former felon and make incorrect judgments. Your Personal Web Page lets others learn about you at their leisure and provides an opportunity to make a personal connection in a non-threatening way.

Personal Web Page (continued):

This Fair Shake benefit is available to those moving in a positive direction. Profanity, nudity, or negative crime references will not be tolerated and will result in membership termination. If material is questionable we will communicate with you, but if something is obvious then access will be denied.

Your page is password protected; you decide who has permission to visit. You can change the password at any time to control the amount of people that can view your page or have access to your documents such as your resume, identification, and certificates in education or specific skills. If you are involved in our Areas of Study certification program, your real-time progress can be displayed here as well.

- **Data Management:** On the Data Management page you can upload documents for storage and review which aspects of your account are taking the most of your allotted space. This is useful for making your documents available on your web page, uploading pictures and storing attachments you may have received in email or wish to upload for safe-keeping. Fair Shake provides you with 100MB of storage space. Between your Fair Shake Email, your Personal Web Page and your Personal Resource Directory, this is a very important place.

As with our other benefits, this area is not to be used for anything unrelated to moving your life forward, uploading anything for criminal activity or pornography. Any of these activities will automatically terminate Fair Shake membership.

- **Personal Resource Directory:** The Resource Directory is available to everyone, but when you are signed in to your Fair Shake account you can save resources to your own account, and thus create your own Personal Resource Directory. All the contacts you have saved and searches you have performed are here for your quick and easy reference. From this page you can review, delete and print. Printing makes these resources available to you while you are away from your Fair Shake account.
- **Tutorials:** If only the world had a user's manual! This area is full of tutorials that will help you understand how to use your newly discovered electronic tools. Tutorials we have written explain using all of the tools we give you within Fair Shake, and we also provide links to other tutorials on popular programs you may have access to.

There are tutorials here to walk you through creating all kinds of documents using popular programs, which may already be installed on the computer you are using.

Member Testimonial:

Fair Shake helped me to land the job I currently have. My boss was highly impressed with the array of resources I had at my disposal.

What I like best about Fair Shake is that the member tools are restricted solely to inmates released from prison.

Potential employers see the information collected and displayed by and through your site and it gives them just enough pause to consider us as people. And for people like me, that was all I needed. I now have my own place to live, my own job, and I'm getting along just fine. Your site definitely played an integral part in this process.

~ Cody R. Wyoming