

M.E.R.I.T.

Micro Enterprise Reentry Investment Trust

Do you have a criminal record?

(Or do you know somebody who does?)

**Have you ever thought of owning
your own business?**

**If you qualify, we will loan you the money
to help you get started.**

A criminal record can effectively keep you outside of the job market. By providing an opportunity to develop entrepreneurial skills and microenterprises, ACCION Chicago's and Safer Foundations Micro Enterprise Reentry Investment Trust (MERIT) Program will enable individuals invest in their futures and participate productively in the local economy.

ELIGIBILITY: You must meet all the eligibility criteria listed below to be eligible for selection and program participation.

- A person with a criminal record
- A person who has a stable living environment
- A person who has stable financial support
- A person who can commit to the extensive 10 week business development course of study
- Interested in starting a business in Chicago
- Any business structure is eligible (sole proprietor, partnerships etc.)

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The Application Process begins with a Safer staff person or other referring partner organization who identifies a client who wants to pursue entrepreneurship and who would benefit from participating in a 10 week extensive business start up program.

**For more info, visit www.saferfoundation.org or
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Applications are due no later than
Monday, December 20, 2010 at 2pm.
Space is limited so we encourage you to
submit application before the deadline.

