



**STATE ELDERLY/DISABLED HOMEOWNERS TAX RELIEF PROGRAM**

Applications are being accepted in the Assessor’s office until May 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be effective on the July 2019 tax bills. The on-line application will be filled out in the Assessor’s office.

If you are already on the program and it is your year to re-apply (income must be verified every two years), you would have received a letter in the mail on February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are unsure if it is your year to reapply please call the Assessor’s Office at 860-668-3866.

Income and Grant information is determined by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM).

**Income and Grant Information –2018 Benefit Year  
Filing period February 1 - May 15, 2019**

Income Over To	Tax Credit %		Tax Credit Maximum		Tax Credit Minimum	
	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried
\$-0- \$18,100	50%	40%	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$400	\$350
18,100 24,200	40	30	1,000	750	350	250
24,200 30,200	30	20	750	500	250	150
30,200 36,000	20	10	500	250	150	150
36,000 43,900	10	-0-	250	-0-	150	-0-

**Qualifications:**

- \* Must be 65 years of age (as of 12/31/18) , or be totally disabled [Social security letter must be provided as proof of disability]
- \* Must own or have a life use in the property, and must reside at the property [Must be principal or legal residence and must have been effective on or before October 1, 2018 of the current assessment year. Principal residence shall be defined as residency of at least 6 months and one day for the program year ]
- \* Claimant's qualifying income must not exceed \$36,000 if unmarried, or \$43,900 if married. For married couples, income for both husband and wife must be included. Qualifying income is defined as adjusted gross income and tax-exempt interest, plus any other income [ie. Social Security benefits] not included in such adjusted gross income.

**Proof of income for 2018 must be provided. We will need:**

- Social Security Benefit Statement (1099 Form for 2018). This must be submitted, if you and/or your spouse receive Social Security benefits.
- Federal Income Tax Return (*If you file*).
- If you do not file an income tax return, bring statements of 2018 taxable income -including Taxable Pensions, IRA's, Interest, Dividends, Wages etc.

Any applicants approved for the State program will receive an equivalent Town benefit. The Town Application is completed at the same time the State application is completed. Additional Veteran Exemptions (income based program) are also being accepted at this time.

Assessor's Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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