



SENIOR CITIZEN TAX CREDIT WORK PROGRAM

Program Goals:

- 1) Assist senior citizens with property tax bill
- 2) Increase involvement of senior citizens in municipal government and school system
- 3) Acknowledge and affirm the skills of Portland's elderly residents and the community's continuing need for their services

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) 65 years of age or older
- 2) Reside in the Town of Portland year-round
- 3) Own and occupy the property for which Portland taxes are paid and rebate requested
- 4) Income level: One (1) person \$21,000; or two (2) persons \$35,000 for both (gross)
- 5) Applicant must have appropriate skills for position
- 6) Applicant and Department Head must both agree it is an appropriate match

Job Opportunities:

- 1) Job openings may be available in all municipal and school departments
- 2) Jobs to be determined by departmental needs and skills available
- 3) Jobs must be unique in nature and self-contained, not ongoing projects
- 4) Functions normally done by town employees and/or could be done by town employees on regular or overtime basis will not be eligible

Benefit Limits:

- 1) Current State Minimum Wage Rate.
- 2) One maximum credit of \$500 on property tax for one fiscal year per household. You may only earn one \$500 credit in any one fiscal year to be applied to annual tax bill. *Fiscal year begins July 1st of any given year and ends on June 30th.*
- 3) Minimum of (10) hours will be required per work assignment.
- 4) Level of Town appropriation will determine the maximum number of participants.
- 5) Participant will receive a credit to be applied to annual tax bill. *Hours accrued after the \$500 maximum benefit has been earned will not be transferred into the next fiscal year.*

Selection:

All applications must be received by the deadline (**May 15th**) and will be chosen by their income. The candidate in most need has priority over others and will be placed in the appropriate positions.

How to Apply:

Applications can be obtained at the Senior Vitality Center, 7 Waverly Avenue, Portland, CT or online at www.portlandct.org. Telephone number: **860-342-6760**.