

Town of Scarborough, Maine

Assessor's Office

PO Box 360 Scarborough, Maine 04070

M/L: _____

Acct #: _____

Dept Approval: _____

Property Tax Assistance Program -Owner

Determination of Eligibility and Benefits for Property Tax Assessed as of April 1, 2018

Application Deadline – October 15, 2019

- 1. Name of Owner(s): _____ Phone: _____
2. Address of Property: _____ E-Mail: _____
2a. Mailing address (if different): _____
3. Date of Birth: _____ Document Presented: ME Driver's License/ID
Applicants must be 62 on 10/15/2019 US Passport
Born on/before 10/15/1957 Other _____
4. Resident of Scarborough Document Presented: Assessing Record
For at least 10 years on 10/15/2019 MH Park Rent if Applicable
Other _____
Oath _____
5. Federal Adjusted Gross Income Document Presented: Tax Return
From Filed Federal Tax Return Social Security Benefit Statement
Form 1040, 1040-A, or 1040-EZ _____
6. Additional income of other adults in household _____
7. Total Income (Line 5 plus Line 6) _____
8. Income Limit \$50,000
If line 7 exceeds line 8, STOP: No benefit paid
9. Benefit Threshold _____
5% of Line 7
10. Real Estate Tax Assessed _____
July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019
11. Residential MH Park Rent (If Applicable) _____
July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019
12. Tax attributed to rent _____
18% of Line 11
13. Total Tax Attributable to Property _____
(Line 10 plus Line 12)
14. Excess of Tax Assessed over Benefit Threshold _____
(Line 13 minus Line 9)
15. Benefit Cap \$600
16. Benefit Determined (Check Mailed by 12/15/2019) _____
Lesser of Excess Tax or Benefit Cap
(Lesser of Line 14 or Line 15. If line 14 does not exceed Line 9, no benefit paid)

Important note:

You must present your 2018 Tax Return or, if you do not file, your year-end 2018 Social Security Benefit statement.

Oath: I certify that the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, under penalties of perjury.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

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Dear Resident,

You are receiving this letter and application form because you have applied for Scarborough's "Property Tax Assistance Program" in the past, or have requested an application. The Assessor's office will not keep any confidential records; however, we do need to see them for verification.

The four main qualifications are:

1. Applicant is age 62 or older by the application deadline
2. Applicant has been a Scarborough resident for at least 10 years by October 15, 2019
3. Federal Adjusted Gross Income (household) is less than \$50,000

As a reminder, please ensure that you bring the necessary documents in to show that you meet the qualifications for the program. If you do not file Federal income taxes, please bring your 2018 Social Security Earnings Benefit Statement to the Assessing Department. We will review the information to determine if you qualify and assist you in filing your application.

The Town of Scarborough has revised its program. You no longer need to qualify for the State of Maine Property Tax Fairness Credit to qualify. To receive a benefit from the Town of Scarborough's Property Tax Assistance Program, you must meet the eligibility criteria listed above and your property tax must exceed 5% of your Federal Adjusted Gross Income. Effective 2018, park rent paid by owners of properties located within a Manufactured Home Park will be considered in addition to real estate taxes paid.

Please return the completed application to the Assessor's office no later than October 15, 2019.

If we can assist you any further please call at (207) 730-4060 or email ebehn@scarboroughmaine.org.

Sincerely,

David Bouffard, CMA
Assessor
Town of Scarborough