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Town of Scarborough, Maine

Assessor's Office

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Property Tax Assistance Program, Rentals

Determination of Eligibility and Benefits

For Property Tax Assessed as of April 1, 2018

Application Deadline – October 15, 2019

1. Name of Renter(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:** _____ Lease/rental agreement
 For at least 10 years on 10/15/2019 _____ Other _____
 _____ Oath
5. Federal Adjusted Gross Income **Document Presented:** _____ 1040
 From Filed Federal Tax Return _____ Social Sec. 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
 a. If line 7 exceeds line 8: STOP: No benefit paid
9. Benefit Threshold _____
 5% of Line 7
10. Rent paid in Scarborough _____
 July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (FY 2019)
11. Tax attributed to rent: 18% of Line 10 _____
12. Excess of Tax Assessed over Benefit Threshold _____
 Line 11 minus Line 9. If line 11 does not exceed
 Line 9: STOP: No benefit paid
13. Benefit Cap \$600
14. Benefit Determined (Check Mailed by 12/15/2019) _____
 Lesser of Excess Tax or Benefit Cap
 (Lesser of Line 12 or Line 13)

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.

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