

TOWN OF SHARON
PROPERTY TAX WORK OFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM
*Please keep this sheet as it contains important information regarding the
Property Tax Work Off Abatement Program*

Eligibility Requirements

- *Age 65+ as of July 1, 2021
- *Homeowner or current spouse
- *Veteran of any age
- *Own and occupy the property for which Sharon taxes are paid
- *If you are disabled and cannot perform required work, you may be able to have a representative work on your behalf. You must fill out an application and qualify for the program
- *Full time/other town employment or board appointments can affect your eligibility
- *Income eligibility requirement for FY'22 – July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022
 - maximum total gross household income: \$68,183
 - maximum benefit: \$1,500 (112 hours)
 - maximum total gross household income: \$92,000
 - maximum benefit: \$750 (56 hours)
- *Persons with income over the above guidelines do not qualify for this program
- *Financial information **from all household members and all income sources must accompany application** (examples: employment, social security annual award letter, bank statement with direct deposit, page 1&2 of 2020 Federal tax return; any untaxed income counts towards total income). **The summary sheet attached to many tax returns will not be accepted as proof of income. Incomplete applications will be returned.**
- *If you are receiving any type of financial assistance or have no income, there are forms which **must be completed and submitted with application**

Selection Process

- *Applicant must meet eligibility requirements and have appropriate skills for position
- *Applicant, department head, and Adult Center/COA must agree it is an appropriate match

Benefit Limits

- *If maximum hours allowed are not completed, credit will be prorated based on number of hours worked

Benefit Limits (continued)

- *Hourly compensation based upon current state minimum wage (\$13.50 / hr.)

General Program Information

- *Program year is July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- *Applications for the 2021-2022 year may be submitted between May 14 and June 11, 2021; applications received later than June 11 will be considered after July 1 pending available openings.
- *Applicants must re-apply annually to continue in program; acceptance is not guaranteed
- *Abatements for work performed between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 will be reflected beginning with tax bill to be mailed December 2022
- ***Abatement is considered income for taxpayer's Federal income reporting in calendar year 2022 (not State) and towards Federal benefit programs you may participate in (i.e., SSI, SSDI)**

- *Property Tax Work Off Program participants are considered "Special Employees." Participants will be required to fill out a W-4 form; Medicare and FICA deductions will be reflected in the amount abated on the tax bill mailed December 2021. Credit is listed on tax bill as a "credit" (-) in the overdue balance column
- *Participants will receive a W-2 form from the Town of Sharon for income tax reporting purposes
- *Participating in this program will not affect any Town exemptions you may be eligible for
- *If you qualify for the State Circuit Breaker Credit and/or a Federal benefit program, the amount you may be eligible for could be affected by participation in this program
- *If you are selling your home during the program year, it is your responsibility to contact the Adult Center in order to receive credit for hours worked

How to Apply

- *Sharon Adult Center / Council on Aging
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