

Homeowners Tax Relief Requirements for the Elderly and Totally Disabled

The Franklin Assessor's Office will accept applications for Tax Relief for Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Program beginning Tuesday February 1st, 2022 through Friday May 15th, 2022 in the Assessor's Office. Our Office hours are Tuesday 12 pm to 3 pm and Tuesday evening from 6 pm to 8 pm. and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm.

To qualify for this program, applicants must be 65 years of age or 100% Social Security Disabled, and must **own** or have **Life Use** of the property, and must reside at the property for which tax relief is being sought. Proof of age in the form of driver's license or birth certificate is required showing that you, or your spouse, are 65 years of age as of December 31, 2021. If 100% disabled, you must be over 18 year of age and permanently and totally disabled and must obtain a recent **TPQY** print out from the Social Security Office showing **when disability began** and **stating that you are a disabled individual**. Applications must be filed between February 1st and May 15th. Income limits cannot exceed \$38,100 for a single person and \$46,400 for married. Qualifying applicants may be eligible to receive up to 50% off their Real Estate taxes.

Qualifying income is Adjusted Gross Income for IRS purposes plus any other income. To qualify for program, applicants must submit to the Assessor's Office all proof of income received for the previous calendar year. **Applicant must provide a copy of their Federal Income Tax Return, if filed, or all year-end statements of income**, (including bank interest, Social Security including Medicare, and any other income) **plus their Social Security 1099 Statement**.

In addition To the State program the Town of Franklin has also adopted a *Local Tax Relief For Certain Elderly Homeowners:*

To qualify for the Local Option Tax relief, the applicant must have been a resident of the Town of Franklin for a period of not less than (10) consecutive years and be qualified for the State of Connecticut tax credit relief program (*Elderly and Disabled Homeowners Tax Relief Program*)

Tax relief provided shall be the same dollar amount of tax relief he or she receives under the Elderly Homeowner Tax Relief Program.

