

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK

SENIOR AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS

TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Application Period: Wednesday, February 1 - Monday, May 15, 2024.

State and local laws provide real property tax relief programs for Old Saybrook residents who are age 65 and over or totally disabled and whose annual incomes and assets are within specified limits. These programs are designed to help seniors and the totally disabled remain in the homes and town they improved over the years. Town tax relief programs are administered by the Assessor's Office.

Do I Qualify?

To qualify for tax relief on the 2022 Grand List:

- Persons must be at least 65 years of age or totally disabled (receiving total disability payments from Social Security or from any other government disability program) as of December 31, 2023.
- If an applicant's 2023 income is under \$43,800 for a single person or \$53,400 for a married couple, they are eligible for credit from the State as well as from the Town.
- The property for which the tax relief is claimed must be the legal residence of the applicant and occupied by them more than 183 days of each year.
- Applicant shall have been a taxpayer of the Town of Old Saybrook and have paid taxes for at least one year as of October 1 of the current Grand List year.

When to Apply

The 2023 Grand List filing period for Senior and Totally Disabled Tax Relief is Thursday, February 1, 2024, through Wednesday, May 15, 2024. According to State Statute, all applications must be made during this period.

Extensions to this filing deadline are only granted for "extenuating circumstances due to illness or incapacitation as evidenced by a physician's certificate or other good cause." Requests for extensions must be made by application to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management by August 15, 2024.

How to Apply

Applicants must meet in person with a staff member from the <u>Assessor's Office</u> to file. Application hours are 9:30- 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday during the Application Period. You must bring **all proof of income** for the previous calendar year with you (see list below under 'What to Bring'). There are no paper applications.

What to Bring

Applicants must bring proof of income for the previous calendar year. Proof of income includes:

- a complete copy of your 2023 income tax form 1040 or 1040A
- a copy of the 2023 social security form 1099
- all other 1099 forms whether taxable or not
- All income from all sources for the previous calendar year must be considered.
- For those who do not file an income tax form copies of all 1099 forms both taxable & nontaxable are required.

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