



PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED

Connecticut law provides for annual tax relief for certain homeowners. The following information applies to applications *filed* for the 2015 Grand List. To be eligible for such a grant:

- 1) You, or your spouse, must have been at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2015 or you must be permanently and totally disabled (per Social Security).
- 2) You must reside as the owner, or have life use, of the property as of October 1, 2015, and you must have lived in Connecticut for one year.
- 3) Your 2015 income, including Social Security, cannot exceed \$42,900 if you are married or \$35,200 if you are unmarried. Qualifying income is defined as taxable income for IRS purposes AND non-taxable income, with limited exemptions.
- 4) You must file an application between February 1 and May 15 at least biennially, and provide the assessor with a copy of your Federal Income Tax Return if you file one. *Proof of all 2015 income must be provided.*

Credits are determined as a percentage of taxes; they are calculated by the Assessor and applied by the tax collector to an applicant's real property tax bill. To apply, complete the application and return it to the Assessor's office between February 1, 2016 and May 15, 2016. After March 15, 2016 you or your agent must apply in person at the assessor's office.

Information and applications are posted on the web at <http://www.sterlingct.us/departments/assessor/>. Please call with any questions.

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