



Older Adult Property Tax Work-Off Application

Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)

Filing Deadline:
July 10th, 2026

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Address of Residence: _____

Street #

Street Name

Neighborhood

Zip Code

Property Ward & Parcel ID _____

Home Phone: () _____ - _____

Mobile Phone: () _____ - _____

Social Security Number: _____

Work-off filing status: Married _____ Individual _____

Email (if any) _____ Primary Language _____

Eligibility Information

As of January 1, 2026, are you 60 years of age or older? Yes No

As of January 1, 2026, are you legally authorized to work in the US? Yes No

As of January 1, 2026, did you own and occupy the above property as your principal residence?
Yes* No

As of January 1, 2026, had you owned and occupied the above property as your principal residence
for the past 3 years? Yes* No

**If Yes, and if the property is held in trust, please submit a copy of the trust and schedule of beneficiaries.*

Indicate GROSS INCOME from all sources for Calendar Year 2025

NOTE: Copies of your most recently filed Federal & State Income Tax Returns are required for verification purposes.

1. Social Security, Railroad Retirement Benefits, employee Pension or Retirement

Allowance from US, Massachusetts or city or town..... \$ _____

2. Other pensions, retirement allowances and annuities..... \$ _____

3. Wages, salaries, tips, other compensation & net profit from business or profession \$ _____

4. Interest and dividends..... \$ _____

5. Gains from sale or exchange of real estate..... \$ _____

6. Gains from sale or exchange of other property..... \$ _____

7. Rent and royalty income..... \$ _____

8. Receipts from other sources..... \$ _____

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Required Documents

In order to be considered for the Older Adult Property Tax Work-Off Program, you are required to submit all of the following documents, if applicable. Financial information for BOTH individuals must be provided if you are filing as married:

- ☐ Proof of Age: This may be a copy of your birth certificate, passport, or driver's license.
- ☐ 2025 Federal Income Tax Return: If your 2025 federal income tax return has not been filed with the Internal Revenue Service when filing this application, you must provide a copy of your 2024 income tax return. If you did not or do not plan to file an income tax return for 2024 and 2025, then you must submit a signed form letter (you can request one from the Volunteer Coordinator) with this application attesting to having not filed.
- ☐ 2025 State Income Tax Return: If your 2025 state income tax return has not been filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts when filing this application, you must provide a copy of your 2024 income tax return. If you did not or do not plan to file an income tax return for 2024 and 2025, then you must submit a signed form letter (you can request one from the Volunteer Coordinator) with this application attesting to having not filed.
- ☐ Copy of Trust and Schedule of Beneficiaries: If your principal residence is held in a trust, you must provide a copy of the trust and the schedule of beneficiaries

If you receive additional income that does NOT appear on the tax forms mentioned above, you may need to provide proof by submitting the following:

- ☐ 2025 Social Security Letter: If you receive social security benefits and they are not reflected on your tax forms, you must include a statement from the Social Security Administration that shows the amount you received in Calendar Year 2025.
- ☐ 2025 Pension Letter: If you receive pension benefits and they are not reflected on your tax forms, you must include a statement from the pension provider that shows the amount you received in Calendar Year 2025.

Signature

In considering my application for the Older Adult Property Tax Work-Off Program, I hereby authorize the City of Boston Age Strong Commission to make any and all inquiries to any party regarding any income attributable to me in whatever form including, but not limited to, retirement and/or pension benefits from both public and private sources. Under the pains of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is true, correct and complete.

I understand that I may receive up to \$2,000 to be applied against my City of Boston residential property for the third quarter. As a volunteer for the City of Boston, I agree to obey all of the City rules and regulations in regard to my voluntary placement. I understand application to this program does not guarantee acceptance.

Signature _____

Date _____



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Michelle Wu, Mayor

Emily Shea, Commissioner, Age Strong Commission

The Older Adult Property Tax Work-Off Program offers qualified homeowners the opportunity to provide volunteer services to the City of Boston in exchange for a property tax bill reduction of up to \$2,000 per fiscal year applied to the third quarter bill (the equivalent of 133.5 service hours). Available positions at Boston City Hall, Boston Public Schools, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and other municipal offices in Boston.

Program Qualification Criteria

Age	You must be age 60 or over by January 1, 2026
Gross Income	\$69,480 if you are single, \$79,440 if you are married. <i>(60% AMI determined by HUD)</i>
Limit	Includes Social Security benefits, pensions, other retirement benefits, annuities, wages, salaries, tips, other compensation, net profit from business or profession, interest and dividends, rent and royalty income, gains from sale or exchange of real estate or other property. If married, financial information for both individuals must be provided.
Residency	You must own and occupy residential property in Boston for at least three (3) years.
Property	You must own and occupy your property as a principal residence. If the property is subject to a trust, you must have legal title <i>(be one of the trustees and a beneficiary)</i> .

Questions?

CALL: Libby Federici, (617) 635-5741

EMAIL: elizabeth.federici@boston.gov

FAQ: Older Adult Property Tax Work-Off Program

If I am accepted into the Work-Off Program, when may I begin my volunteer work?

Initial applications may take up to two weeks to process. Volunteers who are accepted into the Work- Off Program will then schedule and complete a background check, which may take up to a week to return clear.

When will I see the work-off credit reduction on my tax bill?

Program participants may receive up to \$2,000 to be applied against their City of Boston residential property tax bill, which reflects all work hours performed by the November 6th, 2026 deadline.

Work-off credits for Fiscal Year 2027 will appear on the third quarter tax bill that is issued in late December 2026.

What type of work and placement can I expect once accepted into the program?

Placements are available at Boston City Hall, BCYF and BPS locations, and other municipal offices in Boston. A background check will be conducted for all placements (photo identification is required). Additional screening may be required depending on requirements of the City department with which the participant is placed.

Does the work-off tax bill deduction have any income tax implications?

Although you will not be subject to Massachusetts income tax for any amount of the tax work-off, any amount over \$600 may be subject to the Federal income tax. Please consult an income tax professional for more information.

To whom should I send my completed Older Adult Property Tax Work-Off Application?

Once you have completed and signed the Older Adult Property Tax Work-Off Application, checking to ensure that all of the requested information is included, you should send your completed application packet to following address:

Age Strong Commission

Attn: Work-Off Program

Boston City Hall, Room 271

One City Hall Square

Boston, Massachusetts 02201

OR

email and scan to

elizabeth.federici@boston.gov

I have not yet filed my 2025 income tax returns. What financial documentation should I submit with my application?

You are required to provide a copy of your state and federal income tax returns with your application. If you have not yet filed your 2025 income tax returns at the time you are submitting your application, you must submit your 2024 federal and state tax returns. If you do not file taxes or have any recent tax return filings to provide, you must submit a signed and dated form letter (provided by the Volunteer Coordinator) with your application.