

**CITY OF NEWTON
SENIOR PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2026**

ELIGIBILITY AND DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

As required by Ordinance, the Newton Assessors Office must verify Age, Residence, and Annual Gross Income of applicant for the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

AGE: 60 years of age or older as of July 1, 2025.

RESIDENCE: Principal place of residence, Newton, Massachusetts as of July 1, 2025.

GROSS INCOME: Less than \$50,000 if such person is single and not head of household, less than \$60,000 if such person is head of household, or less than \$70,000 if such person files a joint tax return with spouse.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

INCOME:

- Copy of your 2024 federal income tax return (Form 1040, plus any additional schedules filed), with your year-end Social Security benefits statement;
- **OR**
- Copy of year-end 2024 Form SSA-1099 statement from Social Security. Please include any copies of Supplemental Social Security received, in addition to any disability income;
- Copy of year-end 2024 statement of pension distributions;
- Copy of year-end 2024 W-2 forms for statement of wages, salary, and other compensation earned;
- Copy of year-end 2024 Form 1099-INT statement of dividends and interest earned;
- Proof of rental income received in 2024, copy of lease, if available; or a copy of the December 2024 rent receipt;
- Statement of any capital gains in 2024.

AGE: You may be asked to provide a copy of your birth certificate or ID for age verification.

RESIDENCE: Copy of your current tax bill

PROXY PROVISION: An eligible senior who is physically unable to perform the service may have an approved substitute perform the appointed duties.

The service hours performed by the proxy must be reported to the Internal Revenue Service as income. The proxy will receive a Form W2, Wage and Tax Statement, from the City of Newton. It must be submitted with the proxy's federal income tax filing. The proxy will be assigning the value of his/her labor to the qualifying senior.