



**TOWN OF KITTERY
SENIOR PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE**

Tax Year 2020 - Application Deadline - July 1, 2019

General Information

Please check one: I am applying for _____ Senior Tax Credit _____ Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens

Name: _____ Age: _____ Own or Rent: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Number of years living at above address: _____ Number of years living in Kittery: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Property Owners

A. Map and Lot number as it appears on Tax Bill: Map _____ Lot _____

Renters

Annual Rental Fees: \$ _____ Expenses included in rent: Heat Electricity

Property Tax Other _____ (Check all that apply.)

B. Do you rent but receive a separate bill for property taxes? Yes No If yes, please provide copy of invoice.

C. If renting, a copy of the lease is required.

Household Income:

A. Federal Income Tax Return (**2018**) - Enter the annual income amount specific to the form you filed: \$ _____ (1040 Line 6 - *TOTAL INCOME*)

B. If you **do not** file a Federal Income Tax Return, please complete the following for amounts received in **2018**:

Social Security Benefits: \$ _____

Retirement Plan Benefits: \$ _____ (pensions, annuities, IRA's)

All Other Income: \$ _____

Describe Other Income: _____

C. Do you currently have a Reverse Mortgage? Yes No

If yes, you will need to check your Reverse Mortgage Agreement to determine whether you may DEFER your tax obligation.



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Important: Applicant must provide supporting documentation displaying total household income (ie: tax returns, bank statements etc.) If no documentation is available, please provide a written explanation on page two of this application.

Explanation of no supporting documentation:

Three horizontal lines for providing an explanation of no supporting documentation.

To the best of my knowledge the statements in this application are true.

Applicant signature line

Date: ___/___/___

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DOB ___/___/___ Type of Verification: DL ___ BC ___ Other ___

Length of Residency: Voter Registration ___ Other ___

Homestead Ownership: Property Records ___ Other ___

Renters: Rental Agreement ___

Proof of Income: Income Tax Return ___ Other ___

Property Taxes Paid Prior Year: _____

Approved: Amount of Tax Credit awarded \$ _____

Denied: Reason for denial: _____

Two horizontal lines for providing a reason for denial.

Town Manager signature line

Date: ___/___/___

Please return completed applications, including all required attachments, to Deputy Tax Collector, Jan Fisk via e-mail at jfisk@kitteryme.org or in person at Town Hall, located at 200 Rogers Road, Kittery, ME 03904.



Frequently Asked Questions

Senior Tax Credit

What is the Senior Property Tax Credit? If you are 70 years of age or older, with an annual income that does not exceed three hundred percent (300%) of the federal poverty level and have lived in Kittery for 10 consecutive years, you may qualify for a Senior Property Tax Credit of up to \$1,000 per household.

When Can I Apply? Applications are accepted until the July 1 deadline of each year.

How Do I Apply? Applicants are required to return a completed application to the Deputy Tax Collector, Jan Fisk. Applications can be submitted via e-mail to jfisk@kitteryme.org or in person at Town Hall, located at 200 Rogers Road, Kittery, ME 03904. Along with the application, applicants must provide supporting documentation for household income, ie: tax returns, bank statements etc. Applicants must also provide a copy of a valid ID displaying their date of birth, ie: driver's license, birth certificate, passport, etc. If the applicant is applying as a renter, a copy of the rental lease is also required.

What is the Amount of the Credit? Qualifying applicants are eligible to receive a credit of up to \$1,000 per household.

When Will I Receive My Credit? Approved applicants will have the total amount of the credit applied to their real estate taxes by October 1 of the year in which participation is sought.

Can I Apply the Credit to Taxes Owed In A Prior Year? No, the credit only applies to taxes within the tax year participation is sought.

Do I Have To Reapply To Continue Receiving The Credit? Yes, the Senior Property Tax Credit must be reapplied for each year.

Contact Deputy Tax Collector, Jan Fisk at 207-475-1316, or jfisk@kitteryme.org for more information.



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Senior Tax Deferral

What is the Senior Property Tax Deferral? If you are 70 years of age or older, with an annual income that does not exceed three hundred percent (300%) of the federal poverty level and have lived in Kittery for 10 consecutive years, in an eligible homestead, you may qualify to defer your property taxes.

When Can I Apply? Applications are accepted throughout the calendar year.

How Do I Apply? Applicants are required to return a completed application to the Deputy Tax Collector, Jan Fisk. Applications can be submitted via e-mail to jfisk@kitteryme.org or in person at Town Hall, located at 200 Rogers Road, Kittery, ME 03904. Along with the application, applicants must provide supporting documentation for household income, ie: tax returns, bank statements etc. Applicants must also provide a copy of a valid ID displaying their date of birth, ie: driver's license, birth certificate, passport, etc. If the applicant is applying as a renter, a copy of the rental lease is also required.

How Long Can My Taxes Be Deferred? If you qualify, taxes may be deferred until you transfer ownership of your home, or you cease to use it as your primary residence.

How Will I Be Notified About My Approval Or Denial? Applicants will be notified by mail.

Do I Have to Reapply to Continue Receiving the Deferral? Once approved, no reapplication is needed.

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