



Assessor's Office
Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
Bar Harbor, ME 04609

SENIOR TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Application Deadline – December 1, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS

The Senior Taxpayer Assistance Program provides property tax relief to low-income senior citizens who live in the Town of Bar Harbor. To qualify, applicants must be 65 years of age or older and have lived in Bar Harbor for 5 consecutive years. Applicants must also have been approved to receive a Maine Property Tax Fairness Credit for the 2024 income tax year. The application deadline for the town program is December 1, 2025.

Application instructions are below:

1. Fully complete the program application with information release form, and Landlord and Rent Payment confirmation form (if applicable) included with this packet.
2. Attach a signed copy of your 2024 Form 1040ME, including Schedule PTEFC (Property Tax Fairness Credit).
3. Return the application to:
Senior Taxpayer Assistance Program
Assessor's Office
93 Cottage Street
Bar Harbor, ME 04609.
4. Application deadline is December 1, 2025. You must complete an application annually to participate in the program. Program is subject to Council approval on a yearly basis. You must receive the State Property Tax Fairness Credit for the previous tax year to be eligible for the Town of Bar Harbor program.

If you need any assistance, please contact the Assessor's Office at (207) 288-3320.

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APPLICATION

General Information

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Age: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Number of years living at above address: _____ Number of years living in Bar Harbor: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

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

Please answer the following questions:	YES	NO
Has the applicant paid taxes, or rent, on a primary residence in the Town of Bar Harbor at the time of application and for five (5) years prior to the date of application?		
Has the applicant filed Form 1040ME and received the Property Tax Fairness Credit (PTFC) for 2024? <u>Include a copy of your 2024 Maine PTFC Schedule with your application.</u>		
Is the applicant at least 65 years old as of April 1, 2025?		
If a property owner, has the applicant been granted the Homestead Exemption for the 2025/2026 tax year?		
If a property owner, has the applicant paid property taxes due through September 30, 2025? If a renter, is the applicant current on rent payments?		

I declare that I have examined this application and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

Property Tax Fairness Credit

Town of Bar Harbor Senior Taxpayer Assistance Program supplementary permission form for seeking Property Tax Fairness Credit information from the State on behalf of the applicant.

I, hereby, authorize Maine Revenue Services (MRS) to provide information relative to my Property Tax Fairness Credit to the Town of Bar Harbor. I understand that the information provided by MRS will include the full amount of the credit for which I was eligible. MRS will provide the credit information only if this form has been signed by the credit recipient. The information so provided is intended to be used solely for the purpose of determining my eligibility under the Town of Bar Harbor's Senior Taxpayer Assistance Program Ordinance (Chapter 162). The Town of Bar Harbor agrees upon receipt of this form and under penalties of applicable law to hold all taxpayer information contained in this form in strict confidence under applicable laws and to use the information contained in this form strictly for the purposes stated herein.

Year for which the information is being sought: 2024

Date: _____

Name: _____

Applicant's signature: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Property Address: _____

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LANDLORD AND RENT PAYMENT CONFIRMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Landlord's Name: _____

Landlord Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address of Property Being Rented: _____

Number of years living at above address: _____ **Rent paid per month:** _____

Amount of rent paid by tenant to Landlord during 2024: _____

Is the applicant current on rent? _____

If less than 5 years, previous address(es) and dates in Bar Harbor:

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Landlord: _____ **Date:** _____