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Purpose

The SMILES (Senior Motivators in Learning and Educational Services) program provides senior citizens the opportunity to volunteer hours of service in exchange for a reduction in school property taxes. The primary purpose of the program is enable senior citizens to contribute their time and effort to worthy projects in the school district, depending upon their interests and skills.

Guidelines

Qualification

Any person who is a resident of the Brandywine Heights Area School District who is sixty-two (62) years of age or older and who is liable for the payment of school property taxes.

Procedure

Persons who meet the above criteria must follow the following steps to be considered for the program:

1. Secure and complete a Senior Volunteer Application and Financial Need Assessment Form (return to business office).
2. Submit Volunteer Clearances according to district Policy 916.
3. Upon acceptance to the SMILES program, a record of time volunteered must be kept by the volunteer and the department/building office. Monthly records will be sent to the district business office by each building/department secretary. For every hour of volunteer service provided to the district, \$ 7.50 of credit will be set aside towards a rebate (max. \$ 750.00) on the next fiscal year's property tax bill. At the end of the district's fiscal year, the business office will calculate the dollars earned during the fiscal year, review with the Superintendent of Schools and Business Manager, and issue a rebate check to the volunteer after s/he has paid his/her next fiscal year property tax bill.

Miscellaneous

1. Selected applicants will be notified by the Superintendent or Business Manager.
2. Arrangements for a general orientation of senior volunteers may be held if necessary.
3. Senior volunteers will not replace or supplant existing jobs/positions.
4. Hours will be flexible, on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.
5. Applicants will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis.