



***We're all at different stages and many varied ages - but we need Golden Sages to help us grow.***

The Pottstown School District acknowledges the Daniel Boone School District for the help and assistance which was provided in initiating this project in our district.

The Pottstown School District reserves the right to discontinue this program at any time. Should this happen, participants will be given credit for their hours of participation even if they accumulate less than 40 hours.

**Pottstown  
School District**

**GOLDEN SAGE PROGRAM  
TAX EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

**FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**



**The Pottstown School District is very proud of this great program that started in 1994. There have been hundreds of senior citizens who have shared their talents and knowledge with students and staff in the Pottstown School District. If you are 60 years of age or older and pay property taxes, YOU can make a difference.**

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## Can YOU help us?

The experience and knowledge of senior citizens are needed in a broad range of areas, including a host of activities working with students and helping in our building.

A small listing includes:

### **Working Directly with Students**

- ◆ **Helping students in the Cafeterias, Classrooms, or Computer Labs**
- ◆ **Helping as a Tutor, Guest Reader or Speaker**
- ◆ **Listening to Children Read**

### **Working in Support Areas**

- ◆ **Playing Piano or Other Musical Instruments**
- ◆ **Assisting in Art, Library, Home Economics, or Science Labs**

### **Working in Offices and Building Support**

- ◆ **Doing Special Assignments Copying/Collating paperwork**
- ◆ **Assisting in Health Rooms, Library, Office, Typing, and Clerical**

**Participants have the opportunity to serve for up to 100 hours of service, in exchange for up to \$500 of reduction in School Property Taxes.**

## **PROGRAM AREA NEEDS**

<b>Art Assistant</b>	<b>Cafeteria Assistant</b>
<b>Classroom Aide</b>	<b>Computer Room Assistant</b>
<b>Guest Reader</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b>
<b>Health Room Assistant</b>	<b>Library Assistant</b>
<b>Clerical Assistant</b>	<b>Piano Playing</b>

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## **Who is Eligible?**

- Any person who is at least 60 years of age, resides in Pottstown, and pays Pottstown property taxes.

## **How do I Apply?**

- An application can be picked up from the receptionist at the Administration Building, 230 Beech Street, or call 610-323-6984.
- The application must be completed and returned to the Administration Building's Personnel Office.
- Applicants will be screened and accepted on a "first come - first served" basis. An individual's financial need may be considered should more citizens apply for this program than the Golden Sage budget has allocated.
- Applicants must also submit a request for Criminal Record Check, Child Abuse History Clearance, and Cogent Fingerprint Clearance. These laws assure that individuals with a history of child abuse do not have the opportunity to harm children again. The applicant is responsible for the \$10 fee for each of the first two clearances. The \$40 fee for the fingerprint clearance is reimbursed to the applicant upon qualifying with 40 volunteer hours.

## **Working Hours**

- The normal working hours for participants will be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. However, this will depend upon the specific assignment. The person does not have to work a full 8 hour day but should be available for at least one hour assignments.

## **Minimum Hours Required**

- Participants **MUST** commit to a minimum of 40 hours of time to receive any tax credit.

## **Maximum Hours Available**

- The maximum number of hours an individual may receive tax credit for participation in the program is 100 hours of service a year. The rate of credit participants will receive is \$5 of credit for each hour of assistance they provide to the district.

## **Application of the Tax Credit**

- Upon completion of 40 hours of more (100 max.), participants will be given a credit voucher for the number of hours worked times \$5 per hour. At the time the participant pays his/her taxes, s/he will submit the voucher. The tax collector will subtract the amount of the voucher from the property tax bill. **PLEASE NOTE:** The tax credit voucher must be used during the subsequent tax year that the participant provided the assistance to the school. This tax credit may have Federal Income Tax implications.

## **May I Apply Again for Another Year?**

- Yes. Individuals may apply as many years as they feel a desire to help.