



# POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## GOLDEN SAGE/STRIVE PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

### Senior Tax Refund Incentive Volunteer Exchange Program

Seniors who are residents of the Pottstown School District, and pay residential property taxes may help in our schools in exchange for a property tax credit.

#### **Areas of work:**

- Helping students in the classroom, cafeteria, computer labs and library
- Listening to children read
- Playing piano or other musical instruments
- Assisting in clerical duties



## **About the Program:**

The STRIVE (Golden Sage) Program allows taxpayer residents, 60 years of age or older, to volunteer in the school in exchange for such service to receive a property tax credit while sharing their talents and knowledge with students and staff.

## **Who is eligible?**

Any person 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. Applicants must also submit a request for Criminal Record Check, Child Abuse History Clearance, and Cogent Fingerprint Clearance. Applicable fees for clearances are reimbursed to the applicant upon qualifying with volunteer hours.

## **What are the working hours?**

The regular working hours for participants will be between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The participant should be available for at least one hour.

## **What are the guidelines?**

- Must work a minimum of 20 hours per school year to receive a tax credit voucher
- The participant will receive a tax credit voucher for the number of hours worked at the PA minimum wage up to a maximum tax credit of \$500.00

## **Tax Credit**

The tax credit voucher must be used during the subsequent tax year that the participant volunteers services. This tax credit may have Federal Income Tax implications and is subject to "Return to Service" provisions of the PSERS Retirement Code.