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| **2017 BENEFIT CHECKLIST FOR OLDER GENESEE COUNTY RESIDENTS 2017** | | | | |
| **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION** | **WHO IS ELIGIBLE** | **INCOME & RESOURCES** | | **BENEFITS** |
| **SOCIAL SECURITY**  Social Security Administration (SSA)  1-800-772-1213  <http://www.ssa.gov/> | Retired workers 66+ or 62+ (reduced benefit) who have worked at least 40 quarters (fewer if born before 1929); disabled workers; surviving spouses and/or children.  NOTE: Full retirement age for people born in 1943-1954 is 66 years.  <https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html#chart> | **2017 GUIDELINES**  (The full retirement age is 66 for people born in 1943-1954 and will gradually increase to 67 for people born in 1960 or later.)   * **If you are under full retirement age for the entire year**, we deduct $1 from your benefit payments for every $2 you earn above the annual limit. For 2017, that limit is $16,920. * **In the year you reach full retirement age**, we deduct $1 in benefits for every $3 you earn above a different limit. In 2017, the limit on your earnings is $44,880 but **we only count earnings before the month you reach your full retirement age**. * <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10069.pdf> | | Monthly benefit is based on prior employment and amount withheld from earnings. There is no resource limit. |
| **SSI: SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME**  Provides a monthly cash benefit, based on financial need, to supplement income of eligible applicants. Call SSA:1-800-772-1213 <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-understanding-ssi.htm> Not yet updated to 2017 | Persons blind, disabled, or 65+, who have low income and resources. | **2017 GUIDELINES**  **Income:** If your income is below the “benefit” level and your resources are under the resource limit, you may be eligible for SSI. Your living arrangement is also taken into consideration. Certain income is “countable”, some is not. Contact your local Social Security Office to find out if you are eligible.  Effective January 1, 2017, the Federal + NY benefit for persons living on their own, the “benefit” rate is $822 for an individual and $1,207 for a couple.  **Resource limits:**  Single $2,000 Couple $3,000 + burial account. Exemptions: Home; car; some life insurance; personal and household goods.  <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/ssp/2017-Maximum-Monthly-Benefit-Amounts.pdf> | | Monthly cash benefit depends upon amount of other income, amount of rent or mortgage expense, and whether the applicant lives alone or with others. |
| **MEDICARE**  Part A: Hospital insurance. No premium (most enrollees), but has deductible & co-pays.  Part B: Medical ins. Monthly premium starting at $104.90 & deductibles & co-pays for most recipients.  Part D: Prescription coverage.  Call 1-800-MEDICARE  (1-800-633-4227).  <http://www.medicare.gov/>  Health Insurance Information  and Counseling Assistance Program: 585-343-1611  **MEDICARE CONT’D.** | <https://www.medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10050-Medicare-and-You.pdf>  Persons 65+ who are eligible for Social Security or Railroad Retirement Benefits, and others 65+ who may purchase coverage although not categorically eligible for it.  If a person receives SSD, Medicare coverage will begin in 25 months. Those with chronic renal disease (ESRD) and ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease) are eligible in less time. | **2017 GUIDELINES**  **Part A:**   * Helps cover inpatient care in hospitals * Helps cover [skilled nursing facility](http://www.medicare.gov/Glossary/s.html#snf) care, [hospice](http://www.medicare.gov/Glossary/h.html#hospice), and [home health care](http://www.medicare.gov/Glossary/h.html#hom-health-care)   Cost: Free to most. Some may have to pay $413 due to certain circumstances. ( Not everyone has to pay this, certain rules apply)  Deductible: $1,316 deductible for each benefit period   * Days 1–60: $0 for the first 60 days of each benefit period. * Days 61–90: $329 [coinsurance](http://www.medicare.gov/coverage/hospital-care-inpatient.html" \l "1294#1294" \o ") per day of each benefit period in 2016. * Days 91 and beyond: $658 coinsurance per each "lifetime reserve day" after day 90 for each benefit period (up to 60 days over your lifetime) in 2017. * Beyond [lifetime reserve days](http://www.medicare.gov/coverage/hospital-care-inpatient.html" \l "1347#1347" \o "<p>In Original Medicare, these are additional days that Medicare will pay for when you are in a hospital for more than 90 days. You have a total of 60 reserve days that can be used during your lifetime. For each lifetime reserve day, Medicare pays all covered costs except for a daily coinsurance.</p>): all costs. * [**https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/costs-at-a-glance/costs-at-glance.html**](https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/costs-at-a-glance/costs-at-glance.html) * **Part B:** * Helps cover medically necessary services to treat a disease or condition including some clinical research, ambulance, durable medical equipment, mental health, second opinion before surgery, and home health care * Helps cover some [preventive services](http://www.medicare.gov/Glossary/p.html#preventive-services) to help maintain your health and to keep certain illnesses from getting worse   Cost: $109/month on average for beneficiaries whose Medicare became active before January 1, 2016  $134./month for new beneficiaries starting January 1, 2017 ([Higher-income consumers may pay more](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10536.html))  Deductible: $183/year deductible  **Part C**: Also known as “Medicare Advantage”   * Offers health plan options run by Medicare-approved private insurance companies * Medicare Advantage Plans are a way to get the benefits and services covered under Part A and Part B * Most Medicare Advantage Plans cover Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) * Some Medicare Advantage Plans may include extra benefits for an extra cost   **MEDICARE**  **Part D:**   * Helps cover the cost of prescription drugs * May help lower your prescription drug costs and help protect against higher costs in the future * Run by Medicare-approved private insurance companies   Costs: vary by plan and may be affected by your income. “Extra help” available if low income; also if enrolled in Medicare Savings Program.  **Eligibility for Extra Help**: <http://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/help-paying-costs/save-on-drug-costs/save-on-drug-costs.html> If you meet certain income and resource limits, you may qualify for Extra Help from Medicare to pay the costs of Medicare prescription drug coverage. In 2017, drug costs for most people who qualify are no more than $3.30 for each generic/$8.25 for each brand-name covered drug. Other people pay only a portion of their Medicare drug plan premiums and deductibles based on their income level. <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10525.pdf> Max. Monthly Income Max.Yearly Income Maximum Resources  1: $1,507.05$18,090.00 $13,820.00  2: $2,030.00 $24,360.00$27,600.00 | | |
| **MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS (MSP)**  **QMB, SLMB, QI-1**  Genesee County Dept. of Social Services:  585-344-2580  or  Health Insurance Information and Counseling Assistance Program: 585-343-1611 | Persons on Medicare whose income & resources are slightly above the Medicaid levels  or  persons on Medicare who are also eligible for Medicaid.  QMB:  Qualified Medicare Beneficiary  SLMB: Specified Low-  Income Medicare Beneficiary  QI-1: Qualified Individual-1 | 2017 Limits:  QMB:  Single $1,025  Couple $1,374  SLIMB:  Single $1,226  Couple $1,644  QI-1:  Single $1,377  Couple $1,847  Resource limits: There is no resource test for the MSP. | QMB:  Pays for Medicare Part A and/or Part B premium and Medicare Parts A and B coinsurance and deductibles. Can be eligible for QMB only or for QMB and Medicaid  SLIMB:  This program pays for the Medicare Part B premium only. The applicant must have Medicare Part A in order to be eligible for the program. Can be eligible for SLIMB only or for Medicaid &/or Medicaid with Spenddown  QI-1:  This program pays for the Medicare Part B premium only. Individuals cannot be eligible for Medicaid. The applicant must have Medicare Part A. | |
| **MEDICAID-**  **Elderly, blind, disabled**  Genesee County Dept. of Social Services:  585-344-2580 ext. 6500  Genesee County Dept. of Social Services Home Care:  585-344-2580 ext. 6484  or  Health Insurance Information and Counseling Assistance Program: 585-343-1611 | Persons blind, disabled, or 65+, who have low income and resources; or persons under 65 who meet social services' home relief rules.  <https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/index.htm#cancel> | **2017 GUIDELINES**  Monthly income limits: \*  Single $ 825 (includes $20 disregard)  Couple $ 1,209 (includes $20 disregard)  Resource limits: \*  Single $14,850  Couple $21,750  + burial account. Exemptions: Home, car, health premiums & support payments.  **NOTE:** These guidelines have slightly different criteria for persons in need of skilled nursing care  \* If income exceeds limits, persons may be eligible for Medicaid with a spend down. | This program pays for a wide range of medical care, services and supplies as well as premiums, coinsurance and deductible payments for Medicare beneficiaries.  Comprehensive coverage for medical care, including most prescription drugs; approved medical equipment; Medicaid-participating MD services; hospital; nursing home; home care and transportation for approved medical services.  https://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/#qualify | |
| **MEDICAID-Community**  Genesee County Dept. of Social Services:  585-344-2580 ext. 6500  Neighborhood Legal Service  343-5450  OR  Lake Plains Community Cares344-1692  To navigate the Market Place | **Individuals under 65 without Medicare**  <http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/index.htm#cancel>  <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/> | **2017 GUIDELINES**  Monthly income limits: \*  Single $1367  Couple $1843 | Comprehensive coverage for medical care, including most prescription drugs; approved medical equipment; Medicaid-participating MD services; hospital; and transportation for approved medical services. | |

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| **ELDERLY PHARMACEUTICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE (EPIC)**  1-800-332-3742  <http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/>  or  Health Insurance Information and Counseling Assistance Program: 585-343-1611 | Persons age 65+ who do not have full Medicaid. Must be a New York State Resident.  You must maintain EPIC coverage and be enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan in order to receive benefits. | Fee plan:  Single: up to $20,000/annual  Couple: up to $26,000/annual  Deductible plan: Single: $20,001-$75,000 Couple: $26,001-$100,000  EPIC also pays the Medicare Part D plan up to the amount of a basic plan for members whose income is:  Single: up to $23,000/annual  Couple: up to $29,000/annual | Free assistance in paying for prescription drugs. Works with Medicare Part D – to alleviate the “Donut Hole” May help with Part D premiums for low income beneficiaries  While a member is in the Medicare Part D coverage gap, EPIC provides supplemental coverage for Medicare Part D covered drugs and certain Part D excluded drugs.  EPIC has two plans based on income. The [**Fee Plan**](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/fee_plan.htm) is for members with income up to $20,000 if single or $26,000 if married. The [**Deductible Plan**](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/deductible_plan.htm) is for members with incomes ranging from $20,001 to $75,000 if single or $26,001 to $100,000 if married. |
| **VETERAN BENEFITS**  **NYS Division of Veterans’ Affairs:** 1-888-838-7697  <http://www.va.gov/>  **Western NY VA Healthcare System Batavia, NY:**  585-297-1000  <http://www.buffalo.va.gov/BUFFALO/>  **Genesee County Veterans Service Agency:**  585-344-2580 ext. 5944  <http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/veterans/index.html>  **NY Department of Labor Veterans' Employment Representative:**  (585) 344-2042 X 211 | Veterans with an honorable discharge may be eligible for a variety of benefits and programs, dependent upon their individual circumstances.  Veterans should be sure there has been contact on their behalf with:   * Western NY VA Healthcare System * Genesee County Veterans Service Agency. * If a veteran wishes to seek employment, they should contact NY State Department of Labor Veterans' Employment Representative <http://www.labor.ny.gov/vets/vetintropage.shtm> | Healthcare and prescriptions for eligible veterans  Contact your local veterans Service Officer to find out about income limits and other eligibility criteria for benefits such as:  Disabled Vet  Housebound Vet  Aid and attendance  Widow of Vet  Housebound Spouse  Aid and attendance for spouse  Property Tax Exemption | |
| **SNAP –(aka Food Stamps) (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)**  Benefit card can be used to purchase food items.  Genesee County Dept. of Social Services:  585-344-2580 ext. 6500  <https://www.mybenefits.ny.gov/selfservice/>  <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/food-stamps/> | Low-income households; the following information pertains to people 60 years of age and older and disabled individuals.  \*\*This information is subject to change and is only to be used as a guideline. Please submit an application for consideration. | **2016 GUIDELINES** as of 10/01/2016  \*\***Approximate gross monthly income limits for those**  60 years+ or disabled:  Single $1,980  Couple $2,670  Under 60/not disabled:  Single: $1,287  Couple: $1,736  Eligibility is NOT guaranteed as housing and medical expenses are used to determine eligibility & benefit amount.  Resource limits: None, but certain resource rules apply based on individual circumstances.  <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/snap/#eligibility> | Benefit value depends on size, income, and expenses of household.  Minimum benefit: $16  Maximum benefit: Single $194 Couple $357  <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/snap/#eligibility> |
| **HEAP: (Home Energy Assistance Program)**  Financial help for winter heating costs.  For persons over age 60 or on SSDI: Genesee County Office for the Aging:  585-343-1611  Genesee County Dept. of Social Services:  585-344-2580 ext. 6500 | Low-income households (owners and renters).  Regular HEAP: No resource limits.  Emergency HEAP: May be eligible for an emergency benefit if person has a disconnect notice or less than 1/8 of a tank and they do not have the resources available to cover the cost to avoid shut-off. | **NOTE: 2016-2017 GUIDELINES**  Gross monthly income limits for Regular HEAP (do not include Medicare premium):  1 Person $2,300  2 Person $3,007  3 Person $3,715  4 Person $4,423 | Once a season grant or credit to supplier.  Possible emergency grant if faced with shut-off.  Furnace repair / replacement may be available for homeowners; resource limits apply. <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/program.asp#income>  Clean and Tune Benefit: cleaning of primary heating equipment, but may also include chimney cleaning, minor repairs, installation of carbon monoxide detectors or programmable thermostats. |

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| **WRAP- (Weatherization Referral and Packaging)**  Genesee Orleans Community Action:  585-343-7798 | Must be eligible for HEAP | **NOTE: 2016-2017 GUIDELINES**  Gross monthly income limits for Regular HEAP (do not include Medicare premium):  1 Person $2,300  2 Person $3,007  3 Person $3,715  4 Person $4,423 | \*Providesenergy conservation, emergency weatherization services and referrals to weatherization programs for HEAP eligible households**.** Emergency weatherization could includeaddinginsulation, repair or replacement of windows, doors and repairs to furnaces and roofs.  \* Client must be 60 or over \*Landlords must pay 25% or repair of tenant is eligible for WRAP <http://www.aging.ny.gov/NYSOFA/programs/econsecurity/WRAP.cfm> | | |
| **Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR**    Genesee County Office for the Aging:  585-343-1611 |  | **2017 Guidelines**  **Household/Annual Income**  1 Person $ 36,796.00  2 Person $ 48,117.33  3 Person $ 59,440.00 | Reduce energy use by up to 50%- receive up to $4000 for energy. Helps Moderate income households (up to 80% of the State Medium Income) by providing affordable energy efficient improvements to households that are not eligible for the federally-funded Weatherization Program.  <http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Assisted-Home-Performance-with-ENERGY-STAR/Income-Guidelines> | | |
| **EM POWER**  Genesee County Office for the Aging:  585-343-1611 | Must be eligible for HEAP | **NOTE: 2016-2017 GUIDELINES**  Gross monthly income limits for Regular HEAP (do not include Medicare premium):  1 Person $2,300  2 Person $3,007  3 Person $3,715  4 Person $4,423 | Focuses on cost-effective electric reduction measures. Particularly lighting and refrigerator replacements, as well as other cost-effective home performance strategies such as insulation, and health and safety measures. There is no cost to the customer for HEAP eligible households.  <http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/empower> | | |
| **CARE/SHARE PROGRAM**  **Energy Assistance**  Salvation Army  529 East Main St.  Batavia, NY 14020  585-343-6284  Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday only, 9-4:30pm closed 12-1pm | Must have applied and received regular HEAP and Emergency HEAP. | Applicant should bring in  1.    last bill with a balance/ or a shut off  2.    ID from everyone who lives in the household  3.    Proof of monthly income from everyone who works or lives in the household. | | | |
| **NEIGHBOR/NEIGHBOR PROGRAM**  **Energy Assistance**  Salvation Army  529 East Main St.  Batavia, NY 14020  585-343-6284  by appointment only Catholic Charities  25 Liberty St.  Batavia, NY 14020  585-343-0614  by appointment only | This program is for utility SHUT OFF notice only. NOTE: The customer has to have made at least 4 payments in the last 12 months on that shut off bill.  HEAP benefit is not part of this program criteria. | Applicant should bring in:  1.    any utility bill (ex. national fuel/national grid)  2.    all monthly expenses (phone, cable, car payment, fuel for auto, groceries, etc.  3.    proof of all household member’s income  4.    if disabled, will need a paper notarized stating the person is disabled  5.    shut off notice  For this program everything has to be documented. | | |  |
| **UTILITY NEGOTIATION SERVICES**  Public Service Commission  1-800-342-3355 | The customer or an agency advocate may call the utility company and they will help the senior make a deal that will be keep their utility on and still be able to make small payment agreement | | | | |
| **TELEPHONE DISCOUNT**  Please contact your phone provider for more information or on the internet Safelink.com or Assurancewireless.com Time Warner <http://www.fcc.gov/guides/lifeline-and-link-affordable-telephone-service-income-eligible-consumers>  Genesee County Office for the Aging:  585-343-1611 | Anyone who receives one or more of the following: HEAP, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Public Assistance, SSI, Vet's. Disability Pension (nonservice-connected), Vet's. Surviving Spouse Pension (nonservice-connected).  <http://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/companies/CompanyListing.aspx?state=NY&stateName=New%20York> | No fixed income or resource limits, but must meet eligibility criteria for one or more programs listed at left. | Reduction on monthly phone bill; may also give discount on installation charges. | | |
| **STAR-** **School Tax Relief Program**  Contact your local Assessor’s office for an application. Or the **internet** [**www.tax.ny.gov**](http://www.tax.ny.gov)  Genesee County Real Property Office:  585-344-2550  Genesee County Office for the Aging:  585-343-1611 | All New Yorkers who own and live in their homes.  **\*\*If you are disabled**, Genesee County offers a tax exemption. If you are a disabled senior you can claim either the disability or the Enhanced STAR exemption, but not both. | **2017 Guidelines**  Provides a school/property tax rebate program and a partial property tax exemption from school taxes.  **Basic STAR**-available for owner-occupied, primary residences regardless of the owners’ age or income. Basic STAR works by exempting the first $30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes for those with income below $500,000.  **Enhanced STAR**-available for the primary residences of senior citizens (age 65, by December 31st of that qualifying year, and older) with yearly household incomes not exceeding the statewide standard. Eligibility in 2017 is based on income information from the 2015 tax year, and may not exceed $86,000. Provides an increased benefit for the primary residences of senior citizens (age 65 and older) with qualifying incomes. Exempts the first $65,500 of the full value of a home from school taxes as of 2017-2018 school tax bills. https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm  **Deadline** to apply is March 1 each year  <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/eligibility.htm> | | | |
| **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**  Contact city or town where taxes are paid to apply.  For application assistance and other information:  Genesee County Office for the Aging:  2 Bank Street  Batavia, NY 14020  585-343-1611  For Information about Veterans’ Property Tax Exemption, contact:  Genesee County Veterans Service Agency:  3837 West Main Street Road  Batavia, NY 14020  (585) 815-7905  For Information about Genesee County Property Tax Exemption, contact:  Genesee County Treasurer Real Property:  County Building I  15 Main Street  Batavia, New York 14020  (585) 815-7808  STAR- School Tax Relief Program  New York State Department of Taxation and Finance  https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/  https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/eligibility.htm  Genesee County Real Property Office:  (585) 815-7808  Genesee County Office for the Aging:  585-343-1611 | Real estate owners 65+ or persons with physical disabilities who use their property exclusively as their legal residence are eligible.  Benefit for Veterans may differ. Veterans of any age should call for additional information. | **LOCAL AGED EXEMPTION**  Local governments and school districts in New York State can opt to grant a reduction on the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens. This is accomplished by reducing the taxable assessment the senior's home by as much as 50%. Some communities in Genesee County have adopted the “sliding scale option” ranging from a 45% exemption through a 5% level. Contact each County Real Property Tax office to check their levels of income/percent of exemption.  To qualify, seniors generally must be 65 years of age or older and meet certain income limitations and other requirements. For the 50% exemption, the law allows each county, city, town, village, or school district to set the maximum income limit at any figure between $3,000 and $29,000.  Currently, ***Genesee County*** gives exemptions for people whose yearly income is:  **Income:** **Percent of exemption**  up to $16,500 50%  from $16,501 - $24,899 **Sliding Scale Range** between 45% - 5%  For specific tax exemption rates, go to:  <http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/docs/treas/Exemptions/Aged_Exemption.pdf>  \*This program is in addition to the STAR program  <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/exemption/seniorownership.htm>  **STAR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**  Provides a school/property tax rebate program or a partial property tax exemption from school taxes.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Basic STAR** | **Enhanced STAR** | | **Residency** | You must own your home and it must be your primary residence. | | | **Age** | No age restriction | 65 or older  For jointly owned property, only one spouse or sibling must be at least 65 by December 31 of the year when the exemption will begin. | | **Household Income** | [$500,000 or less](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/basicincomelimit.htm)  The income limit applies to the combined incomes of only the owners and owners' spouses who reside at the property. | $86,000 or less.  The income limit applies to **all owners** and any owner's spouse who resides at the property. | | **Benefit** | Exempts the first $30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes for those with income below $500,000 | Exempts the first $65,500 of the full value of a home from school taxes | | **Deadline to apply** | * For Existing STAR Recipients-NA   If you have been receiving STAR since before the August 1, 2015 STAR application deadline, the STAR rules are the same for you as before.   * For New STAR applications- Registrations will be accepted for three years from the income tax filing deadline for the year that the credit covers. For example, to claim the STAR credit for 2016, you must register by April 15, 2020. However, the sooner you register, the sooner you will receive your STAR check.   Once you’ve registered, the NY State Dept. of Taxation and Finance reviews your eligibility for the credit every year after that for as long as you continue to own and occupy that home. | March 1 | | **Where to get application** | <https://www8.tax.ny.gov/STRP/strpStart> | Contact your local Assessor’s office for an application or the internet  <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp425ivp_fill_in.pdf?_ga=1.8833909.1582976170.1491499653> |   Exemptions Cont’d  New STAR applicants will receive a credit in the form of a check directly from New York State instead of receiving a school property tax exemption. The amount of your STAR benefit is the same regardless of how you receive it.  New Basic and Enhanced STAR applicants need to register with the New York State Tax Department to receive a STAR check. Visit [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) or call (518) 457-2036   * The eligibility criteria are the same for both the STAR credit and the STAR property tax exemption. You can’t receive both the credit and the exemption. To receive the STAR credit or exemption, you must own your home and it must be your primary residence. * Current Basic and Enhanced STAR exemption recipients will keep their exemptions as long as they continue to own their current homes. * Current Recipients of the Enhanced STAR exemption who aren’t enrolled in the Income Verification Program must continue to file renewal applications with their local assessors each year.   Frequently Asked Questions:  <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/star-2016-tp-faqs.htm> | | | |
| **IT-214 NYS TAX REBATE**  <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/2010/fillin/inc/it214_2010_fill_in.pdf>  For forms: 1-800-462-8100  Tax Dept. information:  1-800-225-5829  Genesee County Office for the Aging: 585-343-1611 | Homeowners and renters who meet financial eligibility criteria; based on income, and either property taxes or amount of rent paid.  Deadlines to apply are as follows:  Year Last Date to File:  For 2013 4/17/17  For 2014 4/16/18  For 2015 4/18/19 | Maximum yearly household gross income $18,000  Homeowners: Market value of home cannot exceed $85,000.  Renters: Adjusted average rent (see form) must not exceed $450. No resource limit.  <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/credits/real_property_tax_credit.htm> | | Tax credit or check to homeowners & renters who pay a high % of income on rent or property taxes.  Amount of refund depends on percentage of income spent on property tax or rent. Maximum rebate $75 if under 65, $375 if 65+. Applications may be submitted for 3 prior years with an April 15th deadline. | |
| **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**  **Batavia Bus Service:**  585-343-3079  Genesee County Office for the Aging:  585-343-1611 | Genesee County residents age 60 and over | The transportation system in Genesee County has various resources available for various purposes. Contact Batavia Bus Service to see if needs can be met through public transportation. If not, contact the Transportation Coordinator at the Office for the Aging for information and assistance.  <http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/office_for_the_aging/transportation.html> | | Some medical, shopping, personal errands services may be available. For bus schedule information, contact B-Line at (585) 343-3079.  More information is also available at their website, [www.rgrta.com](http://www.rgrta.com/). | |
| **HOME DELIVERED MEALS**  Genesee County Office for the Aging:  585-343-1611 | Genesee County residents who meet certain criteria | 1) Age 60 and over provided they are:  -Incapacitated due to accident, illness, or frailty\* *AND*  -Lacking support of family, friends, or neighbors\*\* *AND*  -Unable to prepare meals due to lack or inadequacy of facilities, or an inability to shop, cook, or prepare meals safely, or a lack of knowledge or skill   1. The spouse of such a person, regardless of age or condition, may receive home-delivered meals if, according to criteria determined by the area agency, receipt of such meals is in the best interest of the eligible elderly person. 2. Non-elderly disabled individuals living with an eligible elderly person may receive meals if, according to criteria determined by the area agency, receipt of such meals is in the best interest of the eligible elderly person. | | Daily (except for weekends) meals delivered to the home  <http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/office_for_the_aging/nutrition_program.html> | |
| **EISEP (Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program)**  Genesee County Office for the Aging:  585-343-1611 | Genesee County residents who meet certain criteria and are not eligible for Medicaid  Monthly Income Thresholds  INDIVIDUAL = $1,512  COUPLE = $2,036 | 1. At least 60 years old; and  * Functionally impaired (at least one ADL (showers, dressing, etc.) or two IADLS (financial management, transportation, etc.); and * have unmet need for such assistance; and * are able to be maintained safely at home; and * are not eligible to receive the same or similar services under any other government program or services provided to residents in adult residential care facilities which had been provided or are required to be provided by law; or   2) **NOTE:** **The following are the revised figures effective January 1, 2017:**  O Income Thresholds are $1,512 and $2,036 per month for an individual and couple, respectively; (NOTE: a % cost share may be applied for income above thresholds)  o Housing Adjustment Thresholds are $605 and $814 for an individual and couple, respectively | | In-home personal care and housekeeping/errand services, social day care, personal emergency response systems | |
| **CAREGIVER RESPITE SERVICES**  Genesee County Office for the Aging:  585-343-1611 | * Carereceiver must be “Frail or disabled adult” * Carereceiver must be **unable** to perform at least **two ADL’s** (i.e. bathing, dressing, etc.) **without** substantial human assistance, including verbal reminding, physical cueing or supervision | Priority shall be given to:   * 1. older caregivers age 60 and over with greatest social and economic need   2. to caregivers 60 and over who are caregivers of persons age 60 and over who have mental retardation or developmental disabilities   3. caregivers who are over age 60 of relatives with Alzheimer’s disease or a related neurological disorder. | | In-home personal care and housekeeping/errand services, social day care, personal emergency response systems | |
| **PATRIOT PLAN**  <https://parks.ny.gov/admission/patriot-plan-benefit/> | All members of the New York State Militia or any branch of the New York State National Guard or military reserves who is currently serving on active duty in support of the war on terrorism is eligible for one free Empire Pass Card for use by his or her immediate family during deployment and/or for his or her own use when returning home. | The Empire Pass Card is available any time of year and is accepted now through December 31st. This new wallet-sized card be shared within a household and is not assigned to a specific vehicle. | |  | |
| **US SENIOR PASS**  <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html> | For U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or over.  Generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessioners. | * May be obtained in person at a federal recreation site or through the mail using this application form. The cost of obtaining a Senior Pass through the mail is twenty dollars ($20). Ten ($10) for the Senior Pass and ten ($10) for processing the application. Applicants must provide documentation of age and residency or citizenship. * May provide a discount on some amenity fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launch, and specialized interpretive services. | | For only $20 you can get a lifetime pass that provides access to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by five Federal agencies, with up to 100% of the proceeds being used to improve and enhance visitor recreation services.  At many sites the Senior Pass provides the pass owner a discount on Expanded Amenity Fees (such as camping, boat launching, swimming, guided tours). | |
| **NYS GOLDEN PARK PROGRAM**  <http://nysparks.com/admission/> | **New York State resident 62 or older** | A New York State Driver's License or a New York State Non-Driver's Identification Card may be obtained from your local Motor Vehicle office. You may want to contact them first to be certain you bring the required forms of identification, age, etc. | | Any weekday (except holidays), you can obtain...  \* Free vehicle access to parks, boat launch sites and  arboretums  \* Fee reduction for golf & historic site admission | |
| **NYS EMPIRE PASSPORT PARK PROGRAM**  <http://www.nysparks.com/admission/empire-passport/default.aspx> | Empire passport is your key to all-season enjoyment at New York State Parks. Frequent Empire Passport purchasers may be interested in a multiple year Empire Passport, available by mail or telephone through Albany Office. | **One Year Empire Passport**  The passport provides unlimited day use vehicle entry to most state parks and recreation facilities for just $80 for 2017 for a wallet sized card or $65 for a nontransferable vehicle decal.  **Multi-Year Empire Passport**  A 3-year Empire Passport may be purchased for $205; a 5-year Empire Passport may be purchased for $320. Life time Empire pass $750 and will be issued as an icon on your NYS drivers license.  <http://nysparks.com/admission/empire-passport/default.aspx> | |  | |
| **NYS PARKS** [**ACCESS PASS**](http://nysparks.com/admission/access-pass/default.aspx)  <http://www.nysparks.com/admission/access-pass/default.aspx> | The access pass permits state residents with permanent disabilities free use of state parks, historic sites and certain recreational facilities.  **Am I eligible?**  Go to  [www.mybenefits.ny.gov/selfservice/](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov/selfservice/)  **MyBenefits is a quick and easy way for people in New York State to find answers to questions about New York State’s programs and services.**  Find out if you’re eligible benefits such as: for Food Stamps, Earned Income Tax Credits, Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, Home Energy Assistance Program, WIC-Women Infants, Children  School Breakfast and Lunch Meals, Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance (EPIC), Medicaid, Healthy New York, and more. | To qualify for an Individual Access Pass, an applicant must be a resident of New York State, must provide proof of disability, in the form of certification from the appropriate agency or by a physician, as described on the application and must provide a recent photo that will be affixed to the Access Pass. | | An Access Pass permits residents of New York State with permanent disabilities, as defined in the application, free use of the parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The pass holder may have free use of facilities operated by State Parks and DEC for which there is normally a charge. | |