

Jackson County Senior Property Tax Credit Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Senior Property Tax Credit Program?

This is a Jackson County program, authorized by state law, that freezes an eligible senior's real property tax bill.

When will the tax credit take effect?

Your tax amount will freeze at the 2024 amount, so the change will first be reflected in 2025.

Who is eligible?

A Jackson County resident who:

1. Is eligible for Social Security retirement benefits
2. Is the property owner, or has a legal or equitable interest in the home
3. Is liable for the payment of real property taxes on the home

What documents are required to prove eligibility?

1. Proof of Jackson County Primary Residency. Examples: Driver's license, voter registration card, utility bill, etc.
2. Proof of Social Security Retirement Eligibility. Examples: Social Security verification letter or copy of current Social Security statement (Note: Driver's license and birth certificate do not prove eligibility for Social Security and will not be accepted)
3. Proof of Interest. If the applicant is not on the deed, documentation proving legal interest in the property is required. Examples: Trust or operation agreement

Are there any other requirements for this program?

The market value of the property must be less than \$550,000.

How do I obtain and submit the application?

Applications are available online, by emailing a request to SeniorApplication@jacksongov.org, or obtained in person at either Collection Department office location:

Jackson County Courthouse: 415 E. 12th St. Suite #100, Kansas City, MO 64106
Historic Truman Courthouse: 112 W. Lexington Ave. Suite #114, Independence, MO 64050.

Once complete, the application form and supporting documentation may be emailed to SeniorApplication@jacksongov.org. Application materials can also be mailed, submitted in person, or placed in exterior drop boxes at either Collection Department office location:

Jackson County Courthouse: 415 E. 12th St. Suite #100, Kansas City, MO 64106
Historic Truman Courthouse: 112 W. Lexington Ave. Suite #114, Independence, MO 64050.

When is the deadline for the initial application?

December 31, 2024

Do I have to renew my application to continue participation in the program?

Yes, renewal applications are due each year by August 31.

How do I know if my application has been approved?

Applicants will be notified of approval by email or by mail.

How can I pay my tax bill while participating in this program?

Program participants can pay their tax bill online, by phone, by mail, or in person.

Do I have to be current on my taxes to participate in the program?

Yes, all taxes on the participating home must be current at the time of application or renewal.

What if I sell my property and buy a new home?

A change in ownership or property would require a new application to qualify for the program and set a new freeze on the tax bill.

Can I still participate in the Senior Quad Payment Program if I participate in the Senior Property Tax Credit Program?

Yes. If eligible for both programs, an individual may participate in both programs.

Do I need my Parcel Number to apply?

No, but it will be helpful for processing.

Further questions may be directed to: SeniorApplication@jacksongov.org