



SENIORS ADD VALUABLE EXPERIENCE



Danbury Seniors
giving service to our community
while earning real estate tax credits

**2026-27 HANDBOOK
APPLICATION & INFORMATION**



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Dear Danbury Residents,

As Mayor of the City of Danbury, I am proud to continue our partnership with the United Way of Western Connecticut to offer the *Seniors Add Valuable Experience*, or “SAVE” program, to aging adults in our community. The City of Danbury created the SAVE program to provide a vital tax relief opportunity for Danbury seniors. I hope you take advantage of this program and continue to age well in your home here in Danbury.

The SAVE program can help you reduce your property taxes while also providing you with exciting opportunities to give back to your community. SAVE will connect you with volunteer opportunities across many different organizations throughout the city. To recognize you for your service, you will receive a credit on next year’s property tax bill. Last year, we had over thirty seniors participate in the program, and I hope to see that number continue to grow.

In addition to SAVE, the City of Danbury recently launched a comprehensive Senior and Totally Disabled Tax Incentive. The tax incentive is available to any Danbury resident who meets the following qualifications: have paid taxes to the City for 1 year, have all vehicles registered in the State of Connecticut, the market value of the home must be no greater than three times the median home value, must be at least 65 years old the December prior to filing (or considered to be 100% disabled), and must meet income guidelines established by OPM. Learn more about this program through the Danbury Tax Assessor’s Office.

In the 2025-2026 fiscal year, 15 City departments and nonprofits participated in SAVE, all offering unique volunteer opportunities. I am grateful to these community partners for their efforts in supporting Danbury seniors and providing SAVE participants with new and unique ways to help keep our community thriving.

To find out more about how you can take advantage of this program, please review the application booklet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roberto L. Alves".

Roberto L. Alves
Mayor



General Program Information

The **SAVE Program** connects Danbury senior homeowners with volunteer service in Danbury City Departments and Nonprofit Agencies. The Program began in July 2008 and is administered by United Way Coastal and Western Connecticut for the City of Danbury.

Senior program participants will receive a \$700 property tax credit for the tax year 2026-2027 after completion of 100 hours of service by May 31, 2027.

(All 100 hours must be completed to receive the \$700 property tax credit)

SAVE is open to qualifying Danbury residential homeowners (NEW applicants: must be a resident for a minimum of 1 year) who are at least age 65 as of December 31, 2025 with the following income limits:

For a single person, applicants may have an annual income from all sources of no more than \$66,300.

For a married person, applicants may have an annual income from all sources of no more than \$76,500.

By law, you are required to pay 25% of your real estate taxes and must be up to date with your tax payments to participate in the **SAVE Program**.

**ONLY ONE PERSON per household is eligible.
All information regarding income will be kept strictly confidential.**

If you are currently receiving senior tax credits through other programs, you must check with the Danbury Tax Assessor's Office for your SAVE eligibility.

Placements are based on the skills and interests of the applicant, their ability to perform all duties and responsibilities of the placement, as well as on the needs of City Departments and Danbury Nonprofits.

Applicants have the right to refuse placements, as does each City Department or Nonprofit. However, each applicant will be given a maximum of three placement interviews. If none of these are accepted, there can be no guarantee of another placement.



How do I know if I qualify to apply for the **SAVE Program**?

1. ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

I was born in 1960 or prior (Must be at least 65 by December 31, 2025).

2. ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

I am a Danbury residential homeowner (NEW applicants only: for a minimum of 1 year. You must be occupying the property to be eligible).

3. ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

I am single AND can document that my annual income from all sources is under \$66,300.
OR

- ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

I am married AND can document that our annual income from all sources is under \$76,500

4. ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

I have transportation to get to a volunteer site.

Cutoff date to apply for this Program is February 19, 2027

If you have answered YES to all these questions

YOU QUALIFY TO APPLY!

By law, you are required to pay 25% of your real estate tax bill and must be current with your tax payments to participate in the SAVE Program.

If you are currently receiving senior tax credits through other programs, you must check with the Danbury Tax Assessor's Office for your SAVE eligibility.



- ❑ Complete and sign the SAVE application on page 5 of this packet (**You must reapply each year because your income can change**).
- ❑ Schedule an appointment with Marie at the **Assessor's Office** at City Hall (**203-797-4556**) to submit your application and be approved for the program.

If you file a Federal Tax Return, please submit a copy of your entire 2025 Federal Tax Return, along with a copy of your 1099 from Social Security. If you do NOT file a Federal Tax Return, all documentation showing income is required. **GROSS INCOME IS USED**. Please make sure that the **Emergency Contact Information** (page 6) is filled out.

You may submit your income proof via one of the following:

- In-person applications are by appointment ONLY with Marie at the Assessor's Office at City Hall (203-797-4556)
 - Email: m.kenney@danbury-ct.gov
- ❑ Once qualified with the Tax Assessor's Office, call Lois Kugler from United Way Coastal and Western CT at **203-297-6715** to schedule your appointment.
 - ❑ The United Way will give you a volunteer assignment with a Danbury City Department and/or a Danbury Nonprofit Agency.
 - ❑ Call the contact person at the Danbury City Department or Nonprofit and schedule an appointment to visit and begin your volunteer hours.
 - ❑ Keep a copy for your own records of your monthly time sheet that your agency has submitted to United Way. United Way will submit your total hours to the Tax Assessor's Office at the beginning of June 2027.
 - ❑ A tax credit of \$700 per household will be applied to your June 2027 real estate tax bill **upon completion of 100 hours of volunteer service (all 100 hours must be completed)**



NAME: Last _____ First _____ Social Security # _____

SPOUSE: Last _____ First _____ Social Security # _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Number and Street City State Zip

Phone # _____ Marital Status: Married Single/Widow

Email _____

QUALIFYING INCOME (INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES FOR LAST CALENDAR YEAR):

GROSS INCOME: Example: Wages, Bonuses, Commission Fees, Gratuities, Payment for Jury Duty (excluding travel allowance), Lottery winnings; Taxable portion of Annuities and Pensions (including Veteran's), Taxable portion of IRA's, Interest, Dividends, Net rent or proceeds from sales of property, etc. If you are required to file a Federal Income Tax Return, enter the amount of Adjusted Gross Income plus any other income and attach a copy of the return to this application. \$ _____

NON-TAXABLE INTEREST: Example: Interest from Tax Exempt Government Bonds \$ _____

SOCIAL SECURITY OR RAILROAD RETIREMENT INCOME – Gross Amount \$ _____

ANY INCOME NOT REFLECTED IN THE ABOVE -Examples: Federal Supplemental Security Income, State of Connecticut public assistance payment, General Assistance, Veteran's Pensions, Veteran's Disability Payments and any other income not listed above. \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT – The Applicant herein claims a property tax exemption under provisions of the General Statutes, deposes that the above statements are true and complete and that he/she is not receiving a State exemption in accordance with Section 12-81 g in any other town or city. The signature below indicates that this affidavit has been read and understood. Participation in the SAVE Program will remain in effect for this year until such time that either party provide written notice to the other.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT

X _____ Date Signed _____

FOR ASSESSORS USE ONLY

Assessors Lot No. _____ Gross Assessment _____
Dates Worked _____ Date of Birth _____
Total # of hours worked _____ Amount Granted _____

ASSESSORS'S AFFIDAVIT

____ I am satisfied that the above named applicant meets all the necessary statutory requirements.

____ This claim is disallowed for the following reason: _____

SIGNATURE OF ASSESSOR OR ASSESSOR'S STAFF _____ **DATE** _____



Emergency Contact Information

Date: _____

Volunteer Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email : _____

Name of Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Contact's Home Address: _____

Contact's Home Phone: _____

Contact's Cell Phone: _____

Contact's Work Phone: _____