

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Applications for Energy Assistance for seniors age 60 and older are being accepted at the Baldwin Center. Below are the income guidelines and what you will need to apply. If you think you are eligible, please contact Maureen at the Baldwin Center at 203-385-4055 to schedule an appointment. The following are the income guidelines for 2015:

1 person \$32,514 **2 people** \$42,519 **3 people** \$52,523 **4 people** \$62,528 **5 people** \$72,532

When applying, you must have the Social Security numbers for everyone living in your household and bring the following documentation for each person over the age of 18 living in the household:

1. Asset Verification- In order to verify your current account balance(s), you must provide statements from every bank/institution that you or any other household member(s) have an account with. (Liquid assets include savings and checking accounts, stock/shares, bonds, CDs and IRAs if over 59 ½ years old. **Please bring ALL PAGES of bank statement even if it is blank!**

2. Monthly Social Security Benefits- If your Social Security or disability benefits are direct deposit to your bank account, you can bring in your most recent bank statement showing the amount of the deposit. If you do not have direct deposit, then bring in the document from the Social Security Administration which states the amount of your monthly check or bring in a copy of the current monthly check.

3. Pension/Annuity- If you are under the age of 72, you must bring a check stub or copy of the check. If the check is received without a stub, you must bring in a letter from the payer on letterhead. If you are over the age of 72 and have direct deposit, you can bring in your most recent bank statement showing the amount of the deposit.

4. Utility Bill- Regardless of how you heat your home, **EVERYONE** must bring in a copy of your most recent electric bill. If you heat your home with gas, you must bring in your most recent gas bill.

5. Rent or Mortgage Payment- Your current rent or mortgage payment as evidenced by your lease or mortgage payment statement, a copy of the check or current rent receipt or current housing notification.

6. Employment- You must submit the four (4) most recent weekly paystubs, two bi-weekly or semi-monthly or one monthly for the period immediately prior to the date of application. If you are missing paystubs, you must bring in a statement from your employer on company letterhead signed by either the employer or the payroll department, stating the gross wages for the missing pay period. (Paystubs will only be accepted if they list your name and/or social security number).

7. Unemployment- A printout of employment benefits from the unemployment office or from the Department of Labor (DOL) website at www.ctdol.state.ct.us

8. Dividend/Interest- Dividend/interest statements for the most recently completed period if more than \$10.00 a month

9. DSS-SAGA/Cash Assistance- Current budget sheet

10. Alimony/Child Support- Divorce decree or Family Relation Court letter or lawyer verifying amount and frequency of alimony and/or child support or child support enforcement letter or printout or bank statement if payments go directly to the bank, or written statement from legally liable relative if voluntary cash support payments are made directly to you.

11. Self Employment- A form will be given to you at the time of your appointment to complete for the last 6 calendar months from the date of the application. This form must be notarized and returned with a current copy of your 1040 IRS form. Include all relevant Schedules (C, D, S, E, K, etc.) and a balance sheet showing how your self-employment earnings supported your household.