

The State College Area School District Board of School Directors has approved a supplemental property tax rebate program for the 2018-19 fiscal year providing for property tax rebates to senior citizens, widows, widowers and disabled persons who meet certain income eligibility guidelines and who are homeowners.

Rebates up to \$650 per single household are available and are based upon total income as listed on Form PA-1000 for 2017.

| Income | Maximum Rebate |
|----------------------|----------------|
| \$0 to \$8,000 | \$650 |
| \$8,001 to \$15,000 | \$500 |
| \$15,001 to \$18,000 | \$300 |
| \$18,001 to \$35,000 | \$250 |

By implementing the rebate program, the board is demonstrating a willingness to help the aforementioned individuals for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Criteria which must be met to qualify for the rebate:

- Claimant must be a homeowner. Renters are not eligible for the program.
 - Household income must not exceed \$35,000 per year. One half of your social security income is excluded from this calculation.
 - Any of the following criteria must be met:
 - Claimant or claimant's spouse is 65 or older
 - Claimant is a widow or widower 50 and older
 - Claimant has disabilities and is 18 and older
 - Claimant must have been awarded and received a rebate under the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate Program.
- Issuance of state rebate checks is scheduled to begin July 1, 2018.**
- Real estate tax bills for 2017-18 (issued July 2017) must have been paid by December 31, 2017.
 - Property must have received a homestead/farmstead exclusion for the 2017-18 tax year.

If you have questions related to the completion of the Pennsylvania Form PA-1000, the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue instructions for the PA-1000 lists various agencies to contact for assistance, including Pennsylvania Department of Revenue district offices.

Frequently Asked Questions

What steps must be taken to apply for the rebate?

- 1) Apply for the 2017 Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate using Form PA-1000 **before December 31, 2018**. Property Tax Rebate claim forms are available online at <http://www.revenue.state.pa.us> or by calling the department's information line at 1-888-222-9190.
- 2) Receive a rebate under the Pennsylvania Supplemental Property Tax program.
- 3) Complete the SCASD Supplemental Property Tax Rebate Claim Form.
- 4) Submit your completed application to SCASD, Supplemental Property Tax Program, 240 Villa Crest Drive, State College, PA 16801, with the following:
 - A copy of your completed PA-1000 form for 2017
 - Evidence of receipt of rebate from the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate Program for 2017

If I moved during the year will I still qualify for the rebate? If you moved or had a change in your personal status during the year, your rebate will be prorated.

When can I submit my application? Property owners may submit applications anytime from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

If I meet all of the specified criteria, am I guaranteed a rebate? SCASD has set aside \$100,000 for the program in the 2018-19 budget. Applications will be processed on a first-come basis until funds are expended.

If I qualify for a rebate, how will the amount of my rebate be determined? The rebate will be based on your income level as defined under the Pennsylvania Tax Rebate Program and the amount of real estate taxes paid in the 2017-18 tax year. The rebate will be the lesser of the maximum rebate in the chart provided, or the real estate taxes paid less any state rebates received. For the current rebate year, the state mandated maximum tax relief is \$1,627.

When will I receive my rebate? Rebates will be issued by check. Please allow up to six weeks for review and processing. **Please note that payments will begin after passage of the Commonwealth 2018-19 Budget.**



STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2017 Supplemental Property Tax Rebate Claim Form

- **Complete the District Claim Form**
- **Attach a copy of form PA-1000 for 2017**
- **Attach proof of receipt of the State Property Tax Rebate**
 - Copy of check received or
 - Copy of bank statement showing electronic deposit or
 - Statement printed from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue website under the option titled: "Where's my Property Tax Rebate?"

Mail completed form and all required documentation to:
 State College Area School District
 Supplemental Property Tax Program
 240 Villa Crest Drive
 State College, PA 16801

Questions?

Please contact the State College Area School District (SCASD) at 814-272-8456

SUPPLEMENTAL PROPERTY TAX REBATE CLAIM FORM

STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

For 2017-18 State College Area School District Property Tax

BILLS ISSUED JULY 2017

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete PART A – Personal Information
2. Complete PART B – Property Tax Rebate Information from Form PA-1000
3. Assemble required documentation:
 - **This completed form**
 - **A copy of form PA-1000 for 2017 submitted to Pennsylvania Department of Revenue**
 - **Proof of receipt of the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate (received on or after July 1, 2018)**
4. Mail completed claim form and required documentation to:

State College Area School District
 Supplemental Property Tax Program
 240 Villa Crest Drive
 State College, PA 16801

NOTE – must be filed after July 1, 2018, but before June 30, 2019.

PART A – Personal Information – COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION

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| (a-1) Name of Claimant: |
| (a-2) Address of Claimant: |
| (a-3) Tax Parcel Number: ____ - _____, _____, _____- |
| (a-4) Total property taxes paid to School District for 2017-18: \$ __, _____. ____ |
| (a-5) Birth date of Claimant: ____ / ____ / _____ |
| (a-6) Social Security Number of Claimant: _____ - ____ - _____ |

PART B – Property Tax Rebate from the Commonwealth of PA – COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION

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| (b-1) Income Amount from Line 12 on Form PA-1000 2017 | \$ |
| (b-2) Property Tax Rebate Amount from Line 14 on Form PA-1000 2017 | \$ |

I declare that this form is true, correct and complete, that the documents required and attached hereto are true and correct copies of those documents, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief this is the only claim filed by members of my household.

 Claimant's Signature

 Telephone Number

_____/_____/_____
 Date

 Signature of Preparer (if other than Claimant)

Note: Claim forms will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until June 30, 2019, provided the \$100,000 allotment has not been expended. **Checks will not be issued until after the passage of the Commonwealth 2018-19 budget.**