

The State College Area School District Board of School Directors has approved a supplemental property tax rebate program for the 2019-20 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 2018.

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 2019-20 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, 2019.

- Real estate tax bills for 2018-19 (issued July 2018) must have been paid by December 31, 2018.
- Property must have received a homestead/farmstead exclusion for the 2018-19 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 2018 Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate using Form PA-1000 **before December 31, 2019**. 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 2018
- Evidence of receipt of rebate from the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate Program for 2018

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, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

If I meet all of the specified criteria, am I guaranteed a rebate? SCASD has set aside \$100,000 for the program in the 2019-20 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 2018-19 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 \$1,672.

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 2019-20 Budget.**



STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2018 Supplemental Property Tax Rebate Claim Form

- **Complete the District Claim Form**
- **Attach a copy of form PA-1000 for 2018**
- **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

