



BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM

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The Benefit Access Program offers two benefits for seniors and persons with disabilities:

- A LICENSE PLATE FEE DISCOUNT
- FREE RIDES ON FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SYSTEMS

Eligibility is determined by income, residency, age and/or disability utilizing an online application.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Age Requirements:

- 65 years of age or older before January 1 of the current year; or
- You must become 65 years of age this year; or
- You must be 16 years of age or older before January 1 of the current year and qualify as disabled.

Residency Requirements:

- You must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.

Income Requirements:

Your total gross income for the last closed tax year must be less than

- \$33,562 for a 1 person household (yourself only); or
- \$44,533 for a 2 person household (yourself and your spouse, or yourself and one Qualified Additional Resident); or
- \$55,500 for a 3 person household (yourself, your spouse and one Qualified Additional Resident, or yourself and two Qualified Additional Residents).

NOTE: You must include your spouse's income if married and living together on December 31 of last year. If your spouse died last year, you would file as single and claim only your income. Do NOT include the income of a Qualified Additional Resident.

Disability Requirements:

To qualify as disabled, you must be at least 16 years of age prior to January 1 of the current year and be determined **totally and permanently disabled** (as defined by program requirements) prior to January 1 of the current year.

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