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## GEORGIA'S SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

### **What is the purpose of the Senior Community Service Employment Program?**

The SCSEP provides part-time community service work and training for unemployed low-income older persons and helps them obtain paid employment.

### **Who is eligible for SCSEP?**

The SCSEP serves persons age 55 and older who have family incomes at or below 125% of the poverty income guidelines set by the U.S. Office of Management & Budget. A disabled person may be treated as a "family of one" for eligibility purposes. Program applicants must reside in Georgia.

### **What are the enrollment priorities?**

The following eligible applicants are given priority for enrollment: unemployed persons having the greatest economic need; veterans; persons age 60 and older; and persons seeking re-enrollment following termination from unsubsidized employment through no fault of their own. Within all enrollment priorities, persons with poor employment prospects are given preference.

### **What are the benefits of enrollment?**

Enrollees are paid minimum wage for an average of 20 hours of community service per week. They are paid at the same rate while in classroom training. Enrollees develop marketable job skills by performing community service work in host agencies such as schools, libraries, senior centers, day care centers, One-Stop Career Centers, and health and recreation centers. They serve as clerical aides, receptionists, data entry assistants, drivers, cooks, maintenance aides, food service staff, library aides and school paraprofessionals. Other benefits include annual physical examinations, career assessments and counseling, and the development of an employment plan. After a period of community service and skills development, enrollees receive assistance in obtaining unsubsidized, paid employment.

### **Where are Senior Community Service Employment Programs located?**

There is a SCSEP in every region of the state. The Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services contracts with Area Agencies on Aging which administer senior employment programs in the Atlanta Region, Southeast Georgia, Southwest Georgia, Middle Georgia, Northeast Georgia, Northwest Georgia and the Southern Crescent areas. National sponsors of the SCSEP also operate senior employment programs in various areas of the state in cooperation with local Area Agencies on Aging.

**For more information contact your local Area Agency on Aging. If you need assistance from the Division of Aging Services, contact Sarah Collins, Director, Senior Community Service Employment Program, (404) 657-5332 or [scollins@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:scollins@dhr.state.ga.us).**