
Education And Leisure

CHARTER OAK PASS

Program Description:

The Charter Oak Pass provides senior citizens access to the Connecticut State parks and recreation system.

Generally, only one pass per vehicle is required for parking and the pass holder does not have to be the driver. However, to enter Gillette Castle, Dinosaur State Park & Quinebaug Valley Hatchery each individual senior citizen must present a pass to gain entrance.

The Charter Oak Pass may be used at all day time facilities in Connecticut State Parks, Forest Recreation, and State Boat Launch areas. It is not valid for camping or at the Shakespeare Theatre.

Eligibility Requirements:

There is no fee for the Charter Oak Pass. To qualify, the person must be 65 years of age or older and a Connecticut resident.

For More Information Contact:

Department of Environmental Protection
Charter Oak Pass, State Parks Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127
Phone: (860) 424-3200
Fax: (860) 424-4070
Internet Address: www.dep.state.ct.us

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Program Description:

The Department of Higher Education oversees Connecticut's higher education system. It prepares annual operating and capital budget requests for the public higher education system, establishes state policies on tuition and fees, licenses and accredits academic programs offered by public and private colleges and universities, and carries out statewide planning and policymaking under the direction of the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

Senior citizens are encouraged to take advantage of the rich resources offered by Connecticut higher education. Public colleges and universities waive tuition for seniors aged 62 and older, provided space is available.

The Education and Employment Information Center is a statewide information and referral service operated by the Department of Higher Education. It provides free information on colleges, adult education programs, career counseling, and training.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify for a tuition waiver, the person must be 62 years old or older.



For More Information Contact:

For information on tuition waivers and course schedules, contact the colleges in this section, or call the toll-free Hotline of the Education and Employment Information Center (EEIC): 1(800)842-0229, in Hartford, (860) 566-8118.

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

University of Connecticut, Main Campus
Storrs, CT 06269
Phone: (860) 486-2000

Avery Point Campus
Groton, CT 06340
Phone: (860) 405-9000

Hartford Campus
1800 Asylum Avenue
West Hartford 06117
Phone: (860) 570-9214

Stamford Campus
Scofieldtown Road
Stamford 06903
Phone: (203) 322-3466

Torrington Campus
855 University Drive
Torrington 06790
Phone: (860) 482-7635

Waterbury Campus
32 Hillside Avenue
Waterbury 06710
Phone: (203) 596-4080

CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Central Connecticut
1615 Stanley Street
New Britain 06050
Phone: (860) 832-3200

Southern Connecticut
501 Crescent Street
New Haven 06515
Phone: (203) 392-5200

Eastern Connecticut
83 Windham Street
Willimantic 06226
Phone: (860) 465-5000

Western Connecticut
181 White Street
Danbury 06810
Phone (203) 837-8200

COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Asnuntuck
170 Elm Street
Enfield 06082
Phone: (860) 253-3000

Middlesex
100 Training Hill Road
Middletown 06457
Phone: (860) 343-5800

Three Rivers, Thames
Valley Campus
574 New London Turnpike
Norwich 06360
Phone: (860) 885-2338

Capital Community
Woodland Campus
61 Woodland Street
Hartford 06105
Phone: (860) 520-7800

Naugatuck Valley
750 Chase Parkway
Waterbury 06708
Phone: (203) 575-8040

Three Rivers, Mohegan
Campus
Mahan Drive
Norwich 06360
Phone: (860) 823-2860

Capital Community
Flatbush Campus
401 Flatbush Avenue
Hartford 06106
Phone: (860)987-4815

North Haven Campus
88 Bassett Road
New Haven 06473
Phone: (203) 234-3300

Tunxis
21 Scott Swamp Road
Farmington 06032
Phone: (860) 677-7701

Gateway Long Wharf
Campus
60 Sargent Drive
New Haven 06511
Phone: (203) 789-7071

Northwestern Connecticut
Park Place
Winsted, CT 06098
Phone: (860) 738-6300

Housatonic
510 Barnum Ave.
Bridgeport 06604
Phone: (203) 579-6400

Norwalk
188 Richards Avenue
Norwalk 06854
Phone: (203) 857-7000

Manchester
60 Bidwell Street
Manchester 06040
Phone: (860) 647-6000

Quinnebaug Valley
742 Upper Maple Street
Danielson 06239
Phone: (860) 774-1130

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

Program Description:

Seniors with temporary or permanent visual or physical disabilities may borrow a variety of recordings, known as talking books (cassettes or record disks), playback equipment, and books and periodicals in Braille. They are loaned, free of charge, from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

The Raymond E. Baldwin Museum of Connecticut History and Heritage is open to the public, free of charge, Monday through Friday. It is home to the Royal Charter of 1662, a world-famous Colt firearms collection, portraits of Connecticut's governors, and other fascinating historic exhibits.

Those pursuing research projects at the Connecticut State Library have access to an extensive archives collection, history and genealogy material (including town and church records), law and legislative reference materials, a sizable government documents depository, large newspaper holdings, and many other informational sources (such as family bible records, cemetery inscriptions, etc.).

When materials not locally available are tracked down, the Connecticard service can deliver the requested materials to local libraries. The service also allows patrons statewide to borrow and return materials to any of the many participating public libraries.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, call 1-800-842-4516 for details.

For More Information Contact:

State Library
231 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: (860) 566-2910
Fax: (860) 566-8940
Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Raymond E. Baldwin Museum
231 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: (860) 566-3056
Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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The Library and Museum are both closed on State holidays.

ELDERHOSTEL

Program Description:

Elderhostel is a network of colleges, universities, and independent schools which offers low-cost, one week, academic programs for persons 55 years of age and older. The program offers over 10,000 programs year round, worldwide, to over a quarter of a million people. No formal education is required for participation in the program.

The Division of Elderly Services serves as a liaison between New England Elderhostel and low income individuals in Connecticut. A limited number of hostelships are scholarships for people who cannot afford the attendance cost and can be requested from the Elderly Services Division. The hostelship covers the full amount of tuition in New England (maximum \$340). Each recipient is responsible for a \$75 registration fee. Tuition covers all costs for housing, meals, courses and extra curricular activities. Hostelship recipients are responsible for their own transportation to and from the campus. Hostelships are valid for programs offered in New England and recipients may apply for only one program per year.

A catalog of available Elderhostel courses can be obtained by contacting the Wakefield, MA address listed below. Catalogs are also available at local libraries.

Eligibility Requirements:

Hostelships are granted on the basis of financial need. To qualify, a person must be 55 years of age or older, a Connecticut resident and income eligible (e.g. \$13,500, annual adjusted gross income for individuals, \$17,000 for couples). An application can be obtained by contacting the Department of Social Services, Elderly Services Division. Hostelship applicants with slightly higher incomes may qualify if there are special circumstances. Because funds are limited, recipients may receive only one hostelship a year.

For More Information:

Elderhostelship applications can be obtained by contacting:

Dee Ana White
DSS, Elderly Services Division, 10th Floor
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 1-800-443-9946
or (860) 424-5293

Elderhostel Catalogs can be obtained by contacting:

Elderhostel
Catalog Request Department
P.O. Box 260
Wakefield, MA 01880-0860
Catalog Request Line: 1-800-895-0727
Website Address:
<http://www.elderhostel.org>

Elderhostel
P.O. Box 1959
Wakefield, MA 01880-5959
Phone: (617) 426-8056
TDD: (617) 426-5437

GOLDEN AGE PASSPORT

Program Description:

The Golden Age Passport allows persons, aged 62 years of age or older, to visit parks, monuments and recreation areas administered by the federal government without paying the customary entrance fee. This lifetime pass is available for a onetime fee of \$10 and may be obtained at the entrance of most Federally operated recreation areas which charge an entrance fee. Golden Age Passports must be obtained in person and proof of age is required at the time of application. A state driver's license showing a person's birth date or a birth certificate will verify an older person's age.

If a person does not have any proof of age, a signed affidavit showing his/her date of birth is acceptable.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify, the person must be 62 years of age or older and a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident alien of the United States.

For More Information Contact:

The National Park Service, Office of Public Inquiries

Phone: (202) 208-4747

Website: www.nps.gov

HUMANITIES PROGRAMS FOR OLDER ADULTS (HPOA)

Program Description:

Through the office of the Humanities Program Coordinator at the Elderly Services Division, opportunities for continued growth and learning are provided throughout the state to older adults, many of whom have had limited educational experiences because of lifetime commitments to work and family.

Humanities Programs for Older Adults (HPOA) has sponsored or co-sponsored cultural programs, including book and film discussion series on a variety of subjects ranging from local history to literature. Consultation on program ideas, funding, resources and implementation, as well as workshops on humanities program development are offered to service and care providers, including senior center staff, activities directors, volunteer programmers, nursing home staff, or any others working with older persons and their families.

The HPOA Coordinator also conducts training for service and care providers on using humanistic perspectives in improving communication skills and clinical intervention with elderly clients. A free booklet, listing program ideas and resources including sections on intergenerational educational programs and oral history interviewing is available upon request. Ask for HUMANITIES FOR OLDER ADULTS: A GUIDE TO RESOURCES AND PROGRAM PLANNING.

Eligibility Requirement:

None.

For More Information:

David Shuldiner, Humanist in Residence
Department of Social Services
Elderly Services Division
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: (860) 424-5240

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Program Description:

Connecticut General Statutes 26-28(9) provide that people 65 years of age or older can obtain a lifetime fishing license free of charge by applying to their Town Clerk. In addition, a person 65 years of age or older who meets the guidelines can also obtain a free hunting license by applying to his or her Town Clerk.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify, a person must be 65 years of age or older.

For More Information:

Call or visit your Town Clerk's office.