

Elderhostel

Description:

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

The Aging Services Division of the Department of Social Services serves as a liaison between New England Elderhostel and low-income Connecticut residents. A limited number of hostelships are available from the Aging Services Division for programs offered in New England. Hostelships are scholarships for people who cannot afford the cost of attendance in a program. They cover the full cost of tuition in New England, which is a maximum of \$600. Tuition covers all costs for housing, meals, courses and extra curricular activities. Recipients must pay a \$100 registration fee and are responsible for transportation to and from the campus. Hostelships are generally given to low-income individuals, but persons with slightly higher income may qualify if they have special circumstances. Recipients may only apply for one hostelship per year.

Catalogs of available Elderhostel courses can be obtained from the Elderhostel Catalogue Request Department and from local libraries. Applications are available from the Aging Services Division of the Department of Social Services.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be age 55 or older.
- Must be a Connecticut resident.
- Adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$13,500 for single individuals and \$17,000 for couples.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

N/A

Contact Information:

To obtain Elder Hostelship applications:

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25 Sigourney Street
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To obtain Elderhostel catalogs:

Elderhostel, Inc.
11 Avenue de Lafayette
Boston, MA 02111-1746
Telephone: 877-426-2166
Website: www.elderhostel.org
Or visit your local library

To obtain more information on Elderhostel Programs:

Elderhostel, Inc.
11 Avenue de Lafayette
Telephone: 877-426-8056
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Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Related Information:

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