

Senior Companion Program (SCP)

Description:

Senior Companions contribute a minimum of 15 to 40 hours per week helping older adults with physical and/or mental impairments. Companions may help individuals by shopping for them, providing relief to family caregivers or escorting them to doctor's appointments. An important aspect of the program is the human caring and companionship that develops in a sustained relationship. Companions are part of comprehensive care plans, which help homebound older adults to continue to live independently. They also serve in institutions, working with individuals who are about to return to their homes. Senior Companions also act as advocates, linking persons to appropriate community services.

Senior Companions who meet income requirements may receive a modest tax-free stipend. Companions who do not meet income guidelines may volunteer but do not receive financial benefits. All Senior Companions receive an initial 20 hours of orientation supplemented by monthly in-service training, a transportation allowance, hot meals while in service and an annual physical examination.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Must be age 60 or older.
- To receive a stipend, single persons' incomes cannot exceed \$13,537, married couples' incomes cannot exceed \$18,212.

Service Areas:

Ansonia	East Lyme	Milford
Ashford	Franklin	Montville
Beacon Falls	Griswold	Morris
Bethany	Groton	Mystic
Bethlehem	Guilford	Naugatuck
Bozrah	Hamden	New Haven
Branford	Hampton	New London
Brooklyn	Killingly	Newtown
Canterbury	Lebanon	North Branford
Chaplin	Ledyard	North Haven
Cheshire	Lisbon	North Stonington
Colchester	Lyme	Norwich
Columbia	Madison	Oakville
Coventry	Mansfield	Old Lyme
Eastford	Meriden	Orange
East Haven	Middlebury	Oxford

Plainfield
Plymouth
Pomfret
Preston
Prospect
Putnam
Salem
Scotland
Seymour
Shelton
Sprague

Sterling
Stonington
Southbury
Southington
Terryville
Thomaston
Thompson
Torrington
Tolland
Voluntown
Wallingford

Waterbury
Waterford
Watertown
West Haven
Willington
Windham
Wolcott
Woodbridge
Woodbury
Woodstock

Program Year:
April 1 – March 31

Contact Information:

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SeniorCorps Programs
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Norwich, CT 06360
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Towns Served:

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SCP Central Naugatuck Valley
232 North Elm Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
Telephone: 203-575-4214
Fax: 203-757-4318
Website: www.newopportunitiesinc.org

Towns Served:

Beacon Falls	Oakville	Torrington
Bethlehem	Plymouth	Waterbury
Cheshire	Prospect	Watertown
Middlebury	Southbury	Wolcott
Morris	Southington	Woodbury
Naugatuck	Terryville	
Newtown	Thomaston	

SCP South Central Connecticut
One Long Wharf Drive
New Haven, CT 06511
Telephone: 203-752-3059
Fax: 203-752-0048
Website: www.aoapartnerships.org

Towns Served:

Ansonia	Meriden	Orange
Bethany	Milford	Oxford
Branford	New Haven	Seymour
East Haven	North Branford	Shelton
Guilford	North Haven	Wallingford
Hamden	North Branford	West Haven
Madison	North Haven	Woodbridge

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