

Seniors' Guide to **Benefits.gov**



What is Benefits.gov?

As the official benefits website of the U.S. government, Benefits.gov is dedicated to connecting citizens to available benefit programs. With information on over 1,000 programs, the program you're looking for could be just a few simple steps away. Benefits.gov can help you learn what benefits you may be eligible to receive and how to apply for these benefits.

How can Benefits.gov help you?

As a senior citizen, you face unique circumstances and may qualify for assistance programs that can help with health care costs, increase access to community volunteer activities and offer employment assistance, among other benefits.

What can you expect to find?

Here are just a few benefits for which you may be eligible:

- The **Senior Companion Program** provides grants to qualified agencies and organizations for the dual purpose of engaging persons 60 and older, particularly those with limited incomes, in volunteer service to meet critical community needs and to provide a high quality experience that will enrich the lives of the volunteers.
- **Medicare** is a Federal health insurance program for people 65 years of age and older, under age 65 with certain disabilities, and any age with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant).
- The **Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)** provides part-time community service training positions to low-income persons ages 55 and older. Program participants work an average of 20 hours a week, are paid at least the Federal minimum wage, and are employed in a wide variety of community service activities.

Get Started on your search today!

Click **Start Now** on the homepage to begin answering questions about your current situation in our confidential **Benefit Finder**.



You will be able to instantly view a list of benefits that you may be eligible for based on your responses.



Benefits.gov offers multiple ways to search for benefits. Click on the "Benefits" tab and browse by category, state or Federal agency to help you quickly find the government benefits you are looking for so you can start your application process and be on your way toward improving your life.

You can also search by typing a keyword or phrase into the **Search** box on the homepage. To find-tune your search, try the **Advanced Search** function.