

Employment Training Program for Seniors

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is there help for seniors who wish to enter the job market?

A. Seniors, age 55 and older, who are interested in employment, but may need additional training before entering the workforce, may participate in the Senior Community Service Employment Program. The program offers seniors who wish to learn new job skills to increase employability, a part-time (20 hour a week) training opportunity in a community host agency. Job skill development training is offered in the host agency environment, through WIN Job Centers, and other means to assist seniors toward fulltime employment.

Q. Is this a job?

A. No. It is a training program to help low-income seniors increase job skills and enter the workforce with increased training and a better salary. Training and education leading the fulltime employment is the goal.

Q. In what type of training program might I participate?

A. You will help create an education/training plan that suits your interest and abilities. You will learn job skills and acclimate to the work environment in a host agency; such as a hospital, a government office, or a social service agency. You may also attend classes on job readiness, computer training, resume writing, and interviewing.

Q. Will I be paid?

A. Yes. While in training, you will be paid minimum wage. Benefits are not offered.

Q. Who do I contact about the program?

A. To learn more about the program, contact your local area agency on aging at http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/aas_agcy.html

Q. How long will the program be available?

A. The Senior Community Service Employment Program is an ongoing program. The ARRA enhanced program will end June 30, 2010.