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### Senior & Veteran Tax Work-Off Abatement Program seeks Applicants for 2026

**WILBRAHAM** - The Town of Wilbraham is accepting applications for 43 positions under the Senior Citizen & Veterans Tax Abatement Program. Senior Citizens and Veterans selected under this program will work during calendar year 2026 to receive an abatement on their property tax bill for fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).

Basic requirements are that taxpayers must be an assessed owner of property in Wilbraham, and must have owned and occupied a home in Wilbraham for at least five years. To be eligible for the Senior Citizens program the resident must be over 60 years of age. To be eligible for the Veterans program the resident must be a Veteran defined by MGL (a copy of your DD 214 is required).

The current compensation is calculated at \$15.00 per hour, and the maximum allowable abatement is \$1,500.00 per property. Abatement workers will need to work 100 hours to receive the full abatement of \$1,500.00 (less federal income tax and Medicare deductions).

The 43 positions being offered are:

- *Clerk's Office*: 4 Office Assistants
- *Treasurer/Collector's Office*: 2 Office Assistants
- *Public Access Television*: 5 Production Producers
- *Library*: 4 Library Pages
- *Library*: 1 Local History Assistant
- *Senior Center*: 15 Office Assistants
- *Select Board Office*: 1 Office Assistant
- *Parks & Recreation*: 3 Assistant Gym Supervisors
- *Facilities*: 2 Facilities Laborer/Helpers
- *Facilities*: 4 Gardeners
- *Engineering*: 1 Engineering Assistant
- *Veterans*: 1 U.S Flag Custodian & Veteran Event Support

Hours are flexible and will be worked out on an individual basis between the department director and the abatement worker, but must be completed by November 30, 2026.

This program is beneficial for both senior and veteran residents and Wilbraham taxpayers. Seniors and Veterans have an opportunity to lower their property tax bill, and taxpayers are benefitting from the superior talent and work experience these individuals bring to the job at a very low cost to the town.

Interested residents can pick up applications and information packets at the senior center, library, or Select Board Office, or print it from our website: [www.wilbraham-ma.gov](http://www.wilbraham-ma.gov). Applications should be submitted to the Select Board Office no later than December 12, 2025.