

**STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
123 LINDEN STREET, STROUDSBURG PA 18360
(570) 421-1990**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2007
SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX REBATE**

1. **WHERE TO FILE:** at the Business Office of the Stroudsburg Area School District, 123 Linden Street, Stroudsburg PA 18360.
2. **WHEN TO FILE:** After January 1, 2008, but **before June 30, 2008**.
3. **HOW TO FILE:** Request forms after January 1, 2008 at the School District Business Office (421-1990) or by stopping in the Business Office located at 123 Linden Street, Stroudsburg.
4. **PROOF DOCUMENTS:**
 - If you are age 65 or older, provide proof of your age (birth certificate or driver's license or PA identification card).
 - If you are under age 65 and your spouse is age 65 or older, provide proof of your spouse's age.
 - If you are permanently disabled, age 18 to 64, you must provide proof of your permanent disability.

For Social Security disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) permanent and total disability, Railroad Retirement permanent and total disability, or Black Lung disability, provide a copy of your award letter.

For Veterans Administration disability, provide a letter from the Veterans Administration stating that you are 100 percent disabled.

For Federal Civil Service disability, provide a letter from Civil Service stating that you are 100 percent disabled.

If you do not qualify under any of the disability programs mentioned above, did not apply for Social Security benefits, or do not have a letter from the Veterans Administration or Civil Service Administration, you must submit a Physician's Statement of Permanent Disability (PA 1000 PS). The form must describe your disability as permanent and your physician must sign the statement to certify that the information is true and accurate to the best of his /her knowledge and belief. **IMPORTANT:** The Physician's Statement of Permanent Disability cannot be used if you were denied Social Security disability. The Stroudsburg Area School District has the right to require additional evidence that you are permanently disabled and eligible for a rebate.
 - Provide documents which prove all household income for 2007 (social security statement, interest statements, etc.). When calculating your total eligible annual household income, exclude one-half (1/2) of your Social Security benefits, one-half (1/2) of your Supplemental Security Income benefits, one-half (1/2) of your State Supplementary Payment benefits, and one-half (1/2) of any Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits.
 - Provide a copy of your 2007 property tax receipt.
 - Provide a copy of your 2007 State Property Tax or Rent Rebate form (PA-I000).
5. A copy of the entire Resolution can be obtained on request.
6. If you need assistance in completing your rebate form, please contact the School District Business Office at 570-421-1990 Extension 1332 or please contact the Monroe County Area Agency on Aging at 570-420-3735.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX REBATE
YEAR – 2007

STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
123 LINDEN STREET
STROUDSBURG PA 18360

PART A

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Claimant: _____ Name of Spouse: _____

Address of Claimant: _____ Phone No.: _____

Location of Property: (Borough or Township) _____

Tax Bill Number: _____

Birthdate of Claimant: (Attach proof to first application) _____

Birthdate of Spouse: _____

Social Security Number of Claimant: _____ SS# of Spouse: _____

PART B

Please check only one of the following:

____ Claimant age 65 or older ____ Claimant age 65 with a spouse age 65 or older who resided in the same household

____ Claimant is permanently disabled and age 18 to 64

PART C

The following is a brief summary of the program for assisting Senior Citizens to pay school taxes that was adopted by the Board of Education on December 5, 2007.

A. **Effective Date:** 2007 Real Estate Taxes issued August 1, 2007 for the 2007-08 school year.

B. **Eligibility:**

1. AGE – One member of the household must be age 65 or over on December 31, 2007.
2. DISABILITY – One member of the household must be permanently disabled and 18 years of age or older during all or part of 2007, you were unable to work because of your medically determined physical or mental disability, and your disability is expected to continue indefinitely. If you received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, you are eligible for a rebate if you meet all other requirements.
3. INCOME - \$15,000 or LESS
4. PERCENTAGE OF REBATE – Based on income as follows:

<u>Household Income</u>	<u>%Rebate</u>
\$ - 0 - \$5,499	100%
5,500 - 5,999	90%
6,000 - 6,499	80%
6,500 - 6,999	70%
7,000 - 7,499	60%
7,500 - 7,999	50%
8,000 - 8,499	40%
8,500 - 8,999	35%
9,000 - 9,999	25%
10,000 - 11,999	20%
12,000 - 12,999	15%
13,000 - 15,000	10%
15,001 OR OVER	NOT ELIGIBLE

5. **MAXIMUM REBATE** – Cannot exceed \$500 on **HOMESTEAD only**.

PART D

TOTAL INCOME <i>received by you and your spouse during 2007:</i>	TOTAL INCOME OF CLAIMANT & SPOUSE
a. Social Security, SSI Income, and Railroad Benefits [50% of Total]	
b. Pension, Annuity, IRA Distributions, & Veterans' Disability Benefits	
c. Interest and Dividend Income	
d. Gain or Loss on the Sale or Exchange of Property <input type="checkbox"/> Gain <input type="checkbox"/> Loss	
e. Net Rental Income or Loss <input type="checkbox"/> Gain <input type="checkbox"/> Loss	
f. Net Business Income or Loss <input type="checkbox"/> Gain <input type="checkbox"/> Loss	
g. Salaries, Wages, Bonuses, Commissions, and Estate Income	
h. Lottery Winnings, including PA Lottery Winnings, and Prize Winnings	
i. Value of Inheritances, Alimony, and Spousal Support	
j. Cash Public Assistance/Relief. Unemployment Compensation and Workers' Comp., except Section 306(c) Benefits.	
k. Gross Amount of Loss Time Insurance Benefits and Disability Insurance Benefits, and Life Insurance Benefits, except the first \$5,000 of Total Death Benefit Payments	
l. Gifts of Cash or Property Totaling more than \$300, except gifts between members of a household	
m. Miscellaneous Income that is Not Listed Above	
n. TOTAL INCOME. Add only the positive income amounts from Lines a through m. If your total income exceeds \$15,000, you may not claim a rebate. (Attach Proof.)	
o. Amount of School District 2007 Property Taxes Paid for Homestead. (Attach Paid Receipt of School Tax Bill.)	
p. Rebate Available from State (Line 14 of PA-1000)	
q. Net School Taxes Paid [o minus p]	
r. Rebate Percentage Factor [refer to Part C.4]	
s. Stroudsburg School District Tax Rebate (or \$500, whichever is less [q x r])	

Excessive claims made with fraudulent intent will subject the claimant to a penalty of 25% of the entire amount claimed. The claimant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment up to 1 year upon conviction. **IMPORTANT: THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF RECEIPTED PROPERTY TAX BILLS, VERIFICATION OF INCOME OF CLAIMANT AND SPOUSE, AND PROOF OF AGE 65 OR OVER AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007 OR PROOF OF YOUR PERMANENT DISABILITY. ALSO, COPIES OF THE 2007 FORM PA-1000 (STATE REBATE FORM) AND SUPPORTING SCHEDULES AND STATEMENTS SHOULD BE FILED WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

► I declare that this claim is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this is the only claim filed by members of my household.

Claimant's Signature

Date

Signature of Preparer- if other than claimant

Date