

Foster Grandparent Program

The Foster Grandparent Program is a national program that enables limited-income persons aged 60 (* 55 starting 10-01-2009) or over to provide tutoring and/or mentoring for children who have exceptional, special needs, at risk or challenged to keep pace with classroom peers. The "grandchildren" may be educationally challenged, hearing impaired, visually impaired, physically challenged, emotionally or physically abused, or neglected. After training, foster grandparents work under professional supervision in educational settings, family enhancement programs, Head Start programs, not-for-profit day care centers and special institutions. Participants volunteer 15 - 40 hours per week and receive a modest, tax-free hourly stipend.

ELIGIBILITY

Am I Eligible? You may be eligible if:

- You are 55 years of age or older.
- Willing to volunteer a minimum 15 hours/week during school year (may volunteer up to 40 hours)
- Your income is at or below 200% of the poverty level, plus 50% for medical expenses (\$32, 490).
- New income guideline as of Oct. 1, 2010.
 - * 200% of the poverty level at or below \$21,660 for 1 plus an additional 50% for medical expenses.
 - * Married living with spouse at or below \$29,140 plus additional 50% for medical expenses (\$43, 710).

BENEFITS

What Training Would I Get?

- After your orientation, you receive monthly in-service training;

What Pay Would I Receive?

- You earn a tax-free hourly stipend of \$2.65, holiday "pay," and paid time off;
- You also receive meal allowances, travel reimbursement and assistance with the cost of your annual physical;

What Other Rewards?

- You work in a stimulating social setting;
- You receive recognition for your services; and
- You have the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a valuable contribution to your community.

APPLICATION

To request an application for the Foster Grandparent Program, contact Southwest CAP at 608-935-2326 ext 209 or stop by their office, 149 N Iowa St, Dodgeville. Outside the Dodgeville area call 800-704-8555. You can also contact the program by e-mail at c.deckert@swcap.org Additional information at www.nationalservice.org or www.swcap.org