

WILSON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

You must file between June 1, 2022 and May 31, 2023

The Property Tax Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians

- Age 65 and older
- Widow and widowers age 50 and older
- People with disabilities age 18 and older

Before You Begin:

You must apply for and receive a PA STATE REBATE prior to applying for the school district rebate. Contact your State Representative's office for assistance.

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Eligibility:

Once you receive your state rebate, you are eligible for a school district property tax rebate if you meet one requirement in EACH of the three guidelines below:

Age Guidelines:

- ☐ You were 65 or older as of December 31, 2021.
- ☐ You were not 65, but your spouse who lived with you was 65 or older as of December 31, 2021.
- ☐ You were a widow or widower during all or part of 2021 and were 50 or older as of December 31, 2021; or
- ☐ You were permanently disabled and 18 or older during all or part of 2021.

Income Guidelines:

- ☐ The income listed on line 13 of your PA 1000 (your state rebate application) must be less than \$35,000.

Property Owner Guideline:

- ☐ To file you must have owned and occupied your home on December 31, 2021.
If you rent your home, you are not eligible for this program.
- ☐ You have paid the 2021 property taxes on your home.

The rebates are calculated according to the income guidelines below:

Household Income: (Taken from line 13 of the PA 1000)	Maximum Rebate is lesser of: School Real Estate Taxes Paid – State Rebate = \$ - or-
\$ 0 - \$8,000	\$650.00
\$ 8,001 - \$15,000	\$500.00
\$15,001 - \$18,000	\$300.00
\$18,001 - \$35,000	\$250.00
Over \$35,000	\$ 0.00

Note: You will not receive a total rebate that exceeds the amount of the Wilson Area School District real estate taxes paid. If you received a \$650.00 rebate from the state and you paid \$1,000 in school real estate taxes, you will receive \$350.00 even if you qualified for a higher rebate.

To be considered for the WASD School Tax Rebate Program, please provide the following documents:

- ☐ **TRCF-1000 2021 (signed and dated by applicant)**
- ☐ **Paid receipt for School Real Estate bill for 2021-2022**
- ☐ **PA State form 2021 PA-1000 for year ending 2021**
- ☐ **Copy of your PA State Rebate Check dated July 2022 or later**

Mailing Instructions:

You must complete and submit one original claim form to Wilson Area School District.

Mail to: Wilson Area School District
Attn: Property Tax Rebate
2040 Washington Blvd.
Easton, PA 18042

Questions: Business Office
484-373-6000

Rebate Processing:

Applications received during the month are paid the following month after they are approved by the School Board.

Deadlines:

No rebate will be processed if received by the school district after the deadline date indicated on the application.

Previous Years:

You cannot apply for a rebate for any previous years regardless of your eligibility for previous years' rebates.

Households with more than one claimant:

Only one member of your household may file a claim even if more than one person qualifies for a rebate.

Rules regarding death of someone who was eligible for the rebate:

You may file a claim for an eligible claimant, who dies after December 31, 2021. If the claimant died during 2021, you may not file a claim. The law governing the Property Tax Rebate Program requires that a claimant must have lived for all of 2021 in order to receive a Rebate.

If you are filing a claim for an eligible decedent, please include "Estate of" before the claimant's name.

Penalty for fraudulent claims:

In any case in which a Tax Rebate Claim Form (**TRCF-1000**) is excessive and was filed with fraudulent intent, the claim shall be disallowed in full and a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the entire amount claimed shall be imposed. The penalty and the amount of the disallowed claim, if the claim has already been paid, shall bear interest at the rate of one-half ($1/2$) of one percent (1%) per month from the date of the claim until repaid. The claimant and any person who assisted in the preparation and or filling of a fraudulent claim shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to **pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000)**, or undergo imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both. A claim shall be disallowed if the claimant received title to the residence primarily for the purpose of receiving a property tax rebate claim.