For more information or to apply . . .

Call the Illinois Department on Aging
Senior HelpLine: 1-800-252-8966, 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

or call an agency near you:
Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Rockford, 815-226-4901
Northeastern Illinois AAA, Kankakee or West Chicago, 1-800-528-2000
Western Illinois AAA, Rock Island, 1-800-322-1051
Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Peoria, 1-877-777-2422
East Central Illinois AAA, Bloomington, 1-800-888-4456
West Central Illinois AAA, Quincy, 1-800-252-9027 (Voice & TTY)
AAA for Lincolnland, Inc., Springfield, 1-800-252-2918 (217, 309, 618 areas)
AAA of Southwestern Illinois, Belleville, 1-800-326-3221
Midland AAA, Centralia, 1-877-532-1853
Southeastern Illinois AAA, Mt. Carmel, 618-262-2306, 1-800-635-8544 (618 area)
Egyptian AAA, Carterville, 1-888-895-3306
Shawnee Development Council, Karnak, 618-634-2201
Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Senior Services Area Agency on Aging, 312-746-8571, 312-744-6777 (TTY)
AgeOptions, Inc., Oak Park, 708-383-0258, 1-800-699-9043 (Sub. Cook County)
National Able Network, Chicago 312-782-3335, 312-782-7700 (TTY)

National Contractors:

AARP Foundation Programs
Easter Seals, Inc.
Experience Works, Inc.
National Asian Pacific Center on Aging
National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc.
Senior Service America, Inc.
SER - Jobs for Progress National, Inc.

Anyone looking for work can also contact the local job service or Illinois Employment Training Center (visit www.ides.state.il.us) to assist in their employment search.

Don’t get discouraged!

If you don’t find a job right away, keep looking. There is a job for you somewhere. Be diligent and patient in your efforts.

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Are you 55 or older and looking for a job?
Employers value the skills and experience older workers bring to the workplace, so they are looking for people like you. If you’re 55 or older with a low income, local organizations are ready to help you refresh your job skills and re-enter the workforce.

What is SCSEP?
The Senior Community Service Employment Program, sponsored by the Illinois Department on Aging, is a training program designed to assist the mature worker (age 55+) in re-entering the job market. It operates under a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor under Title V of the Older Americans Act.

How does the program work?
Eligible individuals are enrolled, usually for 20 hours a week at minimum wage, in non-profit agencies where they receive:

- Skill acquisition or skill enhancement opportunities;
- Personal and employment-related counseling; and
- Assistance in the transition to unsubsidized employment.

What are the goals of the program?

- Achieve permanent employment.
- Provide paid training to enhance opportunities.
- Enhance services to the community as a whole by placing the program participants in community service agencies.
- Serve as an advocate for all older workers seeking employment.
- Serve as a link between employers seeking to hire older workers.

Types of community services:
The program provides temporary training that contributes to the general welfare of the community. Typically, SCSEP participants are offered training in:

- schools;
- hospitals;
- senior citizen centers;
- literacy instruction;
- nutrition programs;
- beautification projects;
- conservation projects;
- day care centers; and
- other opportunities.

Who is eligible?

- Age 55 years or older;
- Unemployed;
- Capable of performing tasks involved in the proposed community service assignment; and
- An annual family income of less than 125% of the established federal poverty level.

What benefits are offered?

- Annual physical exam,
- Job-related counseling and
- Paid training experience.

Contact the agency in your area listed on the back of the brochure.