

9555.0800 ELIGIBILITY OF SENIOR COMPANIONS.

Subpart 1. **Requirements.** To be eligible for enrollment as a volunteer, senior companions shall:

- A. be 60 years of age or over;
- B. have an annual income at or below the applicable income eligibility level as established by the board;
- C. no longer be in the regular work force; and
- D. have a physical examination and report adjudging them fit for duty.

Subp. 2. **Computing annual income.** In computing combined annual income of married couples prior to enrolling them both as senior companions, one senior companion stipend must be included in the determination of maximum annual income.

Subp. 3. **Discrimination prohibited.** There are no enrollment barriers for senior companions relating to experience, education, race, sex, creed, national origin, or political affiliation.

Subp. 4. **Termination.** After enrollment as a senior companion, no person shall be terminated as a result of change in eligibility requirements, nor as a result of a change in income, marital status, or number of dependents.

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