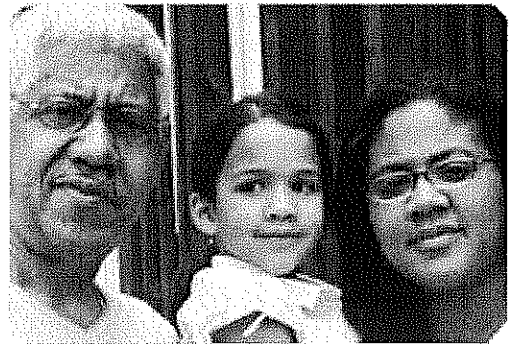


# AARP Foundation Benefits QuickLINK

## Get Started Now!

Are you 50 or older, raising grandchildren, or caring for an older relative? Are you trying to save money on prescription drugs, telephone bills, groceries, children's health care and more?



The AARP Foundation helps you find and enroll in the most valuable public and private benefits programs for older adults and families with children. If you are ready to apply now, use the Application Forms Center to print out an application or apply on-line for the Medicare Rx Extra Help. It's easy and it's fast.



**Get Your Stimulus Payment!** Brought to you by AARP Tax-Aide and NCOA's BenefitsCheckUp

To get your Economic Stimulus Payment, you must file a tax return, even if you haven't been required to file in a while. To find out if you need to file, use our quick and simple Stimulus Payment Tool.

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### Find Benefits Programs

Find and enroll in programs that can help save you money.

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### Medicare Rx Extra Help

Apply now for Medicare's Extra Help and also find out if you qualify for other valuable benefit programs.

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### Application Forms Center

Get applications and fact sheets for programs that help pay for prescription drugs and health care.

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## Did You Get at Least \$3,000 from Social Security, Railroad Retirement, Veterans Administration, or earned income in 2007?

If you answered "yes" to this question, you may qualify to receive an Economic Stimulus Payment from the government in 2008 of \$300 (if you are single) or \$600 (if you are married and live with your spouse). Even if you haven't been required to file a tax return in a while, you'll need to file a simple 1040A form this year to get your Economic Stimulus Payment.

### What People Are Saying...

“Just knowing this program exists makes me feel much better! The programs you listed may be helpful to me. I will investigate them further and see what I can find out. It is nice to know you are out there!”

Use our simple tool to complete your 1040A. We'll ask you some basic questions to make sure the tool is right for you. If it is, then we'll ask you for some information to complete the 1040A tax form. Once you're finished, you can print out the completed 1040A form along with instructions for signing, dating and mailing your 1040A to the right IRS tax center. It's that simple.

[Get Started Now](#)

### Getting the Stimulus Payment Won't Affect Your Benefits

If you are currently receiving public benefits (such as Extra Help through Medicare's drug coverage, Medicaid, Food Stamps, or Section 8), the Economic Stimulus Payment **will not** count against your eligibility for or amount of your public benefits you receive.

*The Stimulus Payment Tool is brought to you by AARP Tax-Aide and NCOA's BenefitsCheckUp.*





## Stimulus Payment Tool AARP Tax-Aide and National Council on Aging

[Spanish Instructions / Instrucciones en español](#)

**The Stimulus Payment Tool is for people who normally don't have to file a tax return, but need to do so this year to get a Stimulus Payment.**

This tool asks you a few questions and then fills in the 1040A tax form for you, using information you provide. Just print it out, sign it, mail it in, and get your stimulus payment check. It's quick and easy to do! Once you print the 1040A tax form or exit the tool, your personal data is automatically deleted. The Stimulus Payment Tool is an extension of the service AARP Tax-Aide volunteers currently provide to taxpayers across the country, and was developed in cooperation with BenefitsCheckUp, a service of the National Council on Aging.

### **Use This Tool If You (and your spouse, if married):**

- Have **NOT** already filed a 2007 tax return.
- Have valid Social Security Number(s).
- Are single or married and will file jointly. If married your Stimulus Payment will be combined in one check. Don't Know?
- Have received combined income of over \$3,000 in 2007 from:
  - Social Security - Retirement/Survivor or Disability Benefits;
  - Certain Railroad Retirement benefits;
  - Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits, compensation, pension or survivors' benefits; and/or
  - Work. (If you are self employed, [click here.](#))

Note: If you are not sure about whether you received \$3,000 in income during 2007, if you had self-employment earnings more than \$400 in 2007 OR are under 65 and have some work earnings, please [click here to find out what you should do.](#)

### **Do Not Use This Tool If:**

- You need to file a "regular" tax return with the IRS.
- Your only income is from Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- You have a child under the age of 17 in your care.
- Anyone (other than you, or the two of you if married), can claim that they pay at least one-half (½) of the cost of your total living expenses, such as your rent, food, clothes, etc.

People who should not use this tool, may still qualify for a Stimulus Payment. If you do not meet the guidelines for using this tool or are unsure if you do, [click here to get more information on where to go for more help.](#)

If you meet these guidelines outlined above and agree that you do not otherwise have to file with the IRS except to receive a Stimulus Payment, please click on the "Get Started" button to use our Stimulus Payment Tool.

### **Your Privacy is important to us:**

None of the personally identifiable information (Name, Social Security Number, address) will be retained by AARP or NCOA. We will only retain your state, zip code and filing status for reporting purposes.

**\* You must have Adobe Acrobat to print your 1040A Form and Instructions. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat, please [click here.](#)**



Please answer these questions. Your answers will automatically be put in the correct places on the 1040A tax form for you. We will only ask you the basic questions to get the information needed to complete and file the 1040A to receive the Economic Stimulus Payment.

1. Your Name:

First name and middle initial:

Last name:

2. Your Social Security Number:

3. Enter Spouse's Name (if married and filing jointly):

First name and middle initial:

Last name:

4. Enter Spouse's Social Security Number (if married and filing jointly):

5. Your Mailing Address:

If you have a P.O. Box, enter your box number only if your post office does not deliver mail to your home.

Home address (number and street):

Apt. No:

City, State, ZIP Code:

6. Filing Status - Select only one:

Single

Married filing jointly (even if only one had income)

7. If you or your spouse **earned income from a job** in 2007 (i.e. wages, salaries, tips, self-employment earnings if under \$400, etc.), enter the annual amount(s) below. [HELP](#)

Your **Total Work Income** in 2007: \$

Your Spouse's **Total Work Income** in 2007: \$

8. If you or your spouse received **Social Security (Retirement/Survivor or Disability Benefits) income** in 2007, enter the total amount(s) received for (Do not include Supplemental Security Income (SSI)). [HELP](#)

You  
(**Total Amount Received** in 2007): \$

Your Spouse  
(Total Amount Received in 2007): \$

9. If you or your spouse received **Railroad Retirement income** in 2007, enter the annual amount(s) below. [HELP](#)

Railroad Retirement recipients receive a form in January reporting the amount of benefit received for the prior year. It is a form 1099-RRB. If you still have the form, enter the amount show in box five of the blue portion of the 1099-RRB labeled "Net Social Security Equivalent Benefit Portion of Tier 1 Paid in 2007" in the space below. If you do not have the form, you can multiply the amount you received monthly in 2007 by the number of months you received it (in most cases, 12 months).

You  
(Total Amount Received in 2007): \$

Your Spouse  
(Total Amount Received in 2007): \$

10. If you or your spouse received **Veterans' disability compensation, pension or survivors' benefits** from the Department of Veterans' Affairs in 2007, enter the annual amount(s) below. [HELP](#)

You  
(Total Amount Received in 2007): \$

Your Spouse  
(Total Amount Received in 2007): \$