



Lincoln Park Village Member-Plus Program: Financial Assistance for Applicants

Lincoln Park Village is committed to its Member-Plus program, which enables all neighbors, regardless of income, to join and integrate fully into Village life. The Village recognizes that the income that older people need to maintain independence and meet daily expenses varies based on life circumstances.

Member-Plus is offered to applicants age 50 or more based on income. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration, using the Illinois Elder Economic Security Standard Index as a guide (see description below).

Applicants who meet the income criteria are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There are two levels:

Level One: An individual with income of up to \$28,000 pays \$100 for annual membership and receives \$200 worth of credit to spend on any request; a household of two with income up to \$28,000 pays \$150 and receives \$300 worth of credit.

Level Two: An individual with income of \$28,001 - \$45,000 pays \$200 for annual membership; a household of two with income of \$28,001 - \$50,000 pays \$300.

As a member, you can participate in our many programs and activities.

Volunteers and our strategic partners are often able to fulfill member requests at no charge – and we hope you'll consider being a volunteer too. When there is no volunteer who has the expertise for what you want or an appropriate no-charge service provider, you can use your credit to pay for services and programs you request.

If you qualify for Member-Plus and wish to apply, please contact Dianne Campbell, Lincoln Park Village executive director, at 773.248.8700 or diannecampbell@lincolnparkvillage.org. You will need to bring your most recent IRS tax return (or other proof that your income is at or below the limit noted above). All information is confidential.

The goal of Lincoln Park Village is to enable 20% or more of its members to be subsidized through the Member-Plus program. The Village seeks donations to support our Member-Plus program

The *Elder Economic Security Standard Index* (June 2008) is a measure of the income required to meet the basic needs of elder households to age in place in their homes and to enable elders to continue to live in the community setting of their choice. The EEIS for Cook County/City of Chicago was developed by the Gerontology Institute-U. Mass, Boston and Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW), in partnership with Chicago's Health and Medicine Policy Research Group.

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