

Auxiliary Grants – How is Eligibility Determined?

Before an individual can receive assistance from the Auxiliary Grant Program, the individual applying for AG must have resided in Virginia voluntarily for a minimum of 90 days to meet the Virginia residency requirement. An individual's residence is the city or county within the state where the individual last resided outside of an institution or an adult foster care home. If the individual does not have residence in a Virginia locality or it cannot be determined where the individual last resided, the locality where the assisted living facility or adult foster care home is located is the individual's place of residence.

Residency exception: Individuals who have moved to Virginia to join a close relative who has lived in Virginia for at least 90-days do not have to meet the 90-day residency requirement. A close relative is limited to parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, spouse or child. Verification will be required.

Individuals applying for AG must submit a written statement of intent to remain in Virginia form. Residency is verified by using one of the following documents:

- *Postmarked letters*
- *Public utility records or credit accounts*
- *Voter registration records*
- *Home or apartment lease*
- *Medical bills; or*
- *State or federal tax records*

To be eligible for an auxiliary grant in Virginia, an individual must meet all of the following:

- Be 65 or over or be blind or be disabled.
- Be a Virginia Resident or meet the exception
- Reside in a licensed assisted living facility or approved adult foster care home.
- Be a citizen of the United States or an alien who meets specified criteria.
- Have a non-exempted (countable) income less than the total of the auxiliary grant rate approved for the assisted living facility plus the personal needs allowance.
- Have non-exempted resources less than \$2,000 for one person or \$3,000 for a couple.*
- Have been assessed and determined to need assisted living facility care or adult foster care placement.

Auxiliary grant benefits are paid by the local department of social services where recipient residency has been established. Checks are mailed directly to the recipient or a payee, who in turn pays the assisted living facility for services provided.