



## Eligibility: RTA Free Ride and Reduced Fare Programs

The RTA Senior Free Ride Program enables Senior Citizens age 65 and older to ride all Regional Transit Authority (RTA) which includes Metra, Pace and CTA services at a reduced rate.

The RTA Reduced Fare Card enables qualified veterans, and qualified persons with disabilities to ride all Regional Transit Authority (RTA) which includes Metra, Pace and CTA services at a reduced rate.

Apply for a RTA Senior Free Ride Card or a RTA Reduced Fare Card at McHenry Township, 3703 Richmond Road, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applicants will need a wallet-sized color photo or McHenry Township will take a Polaroid photo for your application. The person in the photo cannot wear a hat, scarf or sunglasses.

### Senior Citizens

To meet the eligibility, Senior Citizens must be within three weeks of the date of their 65th birthday. You must have a copy of one of the following types of identification:

1. Drivers License,
2. State of Illinois ID Card,
3. Alien Registration Card or
4. Passport.

### Disabled Citizens

To meet the eligibility, persons with disabilities must fill out the disability application. Additionally either have your doctor fill out the disability form and attach a letter of diagnosis or if you are receiving disability payments from Social Security, you need a print out from Social Security dated this year with the word disabled. You must also have a copy of one of the following types of identification:

1. Drivers License,
2. State of Illinois ID Card,
3. Alien Registration Card,
4. passport or
5. any government-issued ID that lists your date of birth.

## **Medicare Card Eligibility—Other than disabled**

Any individual holding a current valid Medicare card is eligible for a reduced fare permit. To apply as a Medicare cardholder, you will need verification of Medicare status. You can obtain a printout verifying your status by calling the Social Security Administration at: 1-800-772-1213, or by visiting a Social Security Administration Office. Individuals with Medicare cards who are not disabled and not a senior must bring this proof of status in addition to their cards. Applicants must also provide a copy of one of the following types of identification:

1. Drivers License,
2. State of Illinois ID card,
3. Alien Registration Card,
4. passport or
5. any other government-issued identification that shows date of birth.