



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

Applications for 'HEAP' Are Now Being Accepted

PATTY RITCHIE November 16, 2017



Senator Patty Ritchie is announcing that applications for the Home Energy Assistance Program, also known as 'HEAP', are now being accepted.

"As winter and the colder temperatures arrive here in our region, many of our senior citizens—and those on low or fixed incomes—struggle with the difficult decision of turning on the heat, or putting food on the table," State Senator Patty Ritchie said.

"This funding can play a part in not having make impossible decisions like that. I want to encourage anyone who may need assistance, or anyone who knows someone who might, to

please take the time to either see if you qualify for this program or share this information to help someone else stay warm this winter.”

This year, New York State has announced that more than \$327 million in funding is available to assist the New Yorkers finding it difficult to manage home heating costs this winter. Depending on income, household size and type of heating source used, eligible applicants can receive a one-time benefit of up to \$675.

To apply for ‘HEAP’, residents can visit www.myBenefits.ny.gov or obtain an application at their local Department of Social Services office (listed below):

St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services, 6 Judson Street, Canton, NY, (315) 379-2297

Jefferson County Department of Social Services, 250 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, (315) 785-3229

Oswego County Department of Social Services, 100 Spring Street, Mexico, NY, (315) 963-5031

In addition to applying for the one-time benefit, households can also apply for an emergency benefit—beginning on Tuesday, January 2, 2018—if in danger of having their heat turned off, or running out of fuel.