

#### A Quick Checklist: What to Have Ready When You Apply

Applying for government benefits for seniors takes some paperwork. It's not complicated, but having the right documents ready to prove who you are, your age, income, and where you live will save you time and stress.

# ✓ Proof of Identity & Age

- State ID
- Driver's license
- Birth certificate

### Social Security Number

Social Security card or know your number

### **✓** Proof of Income

- Most recent tax return
- Social Security benefit statement
- Pension statement

• Pay stubs

# **✓** Proof of Residence

- Utility bill
- Lease agreement
- Bank statement with current address

# ✓ Household Bills (Optional)

• Latest electric, gas, or heating bills (for programs like LIHEAP)

Pro Tip: Keep this checklist with your documents so you're ready anytime you apply. It makes the process faster and less stressful.