



2022 Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Volunteer Guidelines and Benefits:

Guidelines:

- Must be 55 year or older and a Blair County Resident.
- **Income – Single – \$27,180 per year (\$2,265 per month)**
Married – \$36,620 per year (\$3,051.67 per month)
- Pass Criminal Background Checks and Child Abuse History Clearance
- Must volunteer a **minimum of 5 hours per week**, and may choose to volunteer up to 40 hours per week.
- Senior Companions help seniors in their homes and throughout the community maintain their independence. Senior Companions must be flexible and have a willingness to help others.
- Foster Grandparents assist teachers in elementary schools and Head Start programs by providing learning support to students who would benefit from extra help with daily tasks, reading and math.

Benefits:

- \$3 per hour tax free stipend – doesn't affect any other assistance. The program is grant funded by AmeriCorps Seniors.
- Bus Pass or Mileage Reimbursement
- Free Transportation on the Blair Senior Services, Inc. van for individuals 65+
- Annual Volunteer Recognition
- AmeriCorps Seniors Apparel
- Yearly lab work and physical
- Monthly In-service – paid day and free lunch
- Annual PTO (paid time off)
- 11 Paid Holidays
- 40 hours Orientation & Training paid plus lunch is provided
- Awareness of programs offered through Blair Senior Services, Inc.
- Opportunity to help students and older adults.

This Program is available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, sex, age, political affiliation, or, religion.

Please call Blair Senior Services, Inc. Volunteer Program Office at (814) 946-1235 for more information.