

(2) Has been a citizen of the United States for at least fifteen years before making application for a pension.

(3) Has resided in the State for at least five years within the ten years immediately preceding the date of application; provided, that absence in the service of the State of Maryland or of the United States shall be deemed to constitute residence in the State if a domicile be not acquired outside of the State.

(4) Is not at the date of making application an inmate of any prison, jail, workhouse, insane asylum, or any public correctional institution.

(5) During the period of ten years immediately preceding such date has not been imprisoned for a felony.

(6) If a husband, has not, without just cause, failed to support his wife and his children under the age of sixteen years for six months or more during the fifteen years preceding the date of application for a pension.

(7) Has not, within one year preceding such application for a pension been a habitual tramp or beggar.

(8) Has no child or other person responsible, under the laws of this State, for his or her support and able to support him or her: provided that if such child or other person is partially able to support the applicant, such partial support shall be taken into consideration in fixing the amount of any pension that may be granted.

1931, ch. 114, sec. 4. 1935, ch. 592, sec. 4.

4. No old age pension shall be paid to a person:

(1) While or during the time he or she is an inmate of and receives the necessities of life from any institution, wholly maintained by the State or any of the political subdivisions of the State.

(2) Who has deprived himself or herself, directly or indirectly, of any property for the purpose of qualifying for an old age pension.

1931, ch. 114, sec. 5. 1935, ch. 592, sec. 5.

5. An applicant for a pension shall file his or her application in writing with the Local Board of the County in which he or she resides or with the Department of Welfare if a resident of Baltimore City, in such manner and form as shall be prescribed by the Administrator of Pensions and Relief. All statements in the application shall be sworn to or affirmed by the applicant.

1931, ch. 114, sec. 6. 1935, ch. 592, sec. 6.

6. The said Local Board or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City shall promptly make or cause to be made such investigation as they may deem necessary. The Local Board or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City shall decide upon the application and fix the amount of the pension, if any. An applicant whose application for a pension has been rejected may not again apply for a pension until the expiration of six months from the date of his or her previous application.