



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 173-6-01 Golden buckeye program: introduction and definitions.

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(A) Introduction: This chapter establishes requirements for a person or a business to participate in the golden buckeye program. The program serves as a gateway to the following:

- (1) Current information on services available from the aging network to support older Ohioans and their families.
- (2) Timely information on the issues and changing needs for older Ohioans.
- (3) Benefits or discounts targeted for older Ohioans and Ohioans who are persons with a disability.

(B) Definitions for this chapter:

"AGE" means the Ohio department of aging.

"Application" means form AGE0023 (09/2026).

"Business" means any of the following: a recognized professional (e.g., an optician, a painter) providing a benefit or discount to cardholders regarding services he or she offers; a retail store or retail food operation providing a benefit or discount to cardholders regarding consumer goods and services it sells; or a governmental entity (e.g., state park, a public pool) providing a benefit or discount to cardholders regarding goods or services it provides.

"Cardholder" means any person who possesses a golden buckeye card.

"Director" means the director of AGE.

"Golden buckeye card" (card) means a card issued under section 173.06 of the Revised Code, which may be a physical or electronic card.

"Golden buckeye program" means the program authorized under section 173.06 of the Revised Code.

"Person with a disability" has the same meaning as in section 173.06 of the Revised Code.

"Sign-up site" means an AGE-approved location where a person may apply for a golden buckeye card. Many senior centers, libraries, and other locations are AGE-approved sign-up sites.