



## Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and the **World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

- If you have questions while completing this form, please email [livable@aarpp.org](mailto:livable@aarpp.org).
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 1/29/2018

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

**NAME OF THE COMMUNITY:** City of Southaven

**STATE:** MS

**POPULATION SIZE:** 53,214

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 10.4%, age 65 and older

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Darren Musselwhite,  
Mayor

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** 8710 Northwest Drive, Southaven, MS 38671

### Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.



**Please describe the named person's role in the city or community's age-friendly initiative:**

Kristi Faulkner is the Executive Assistant to the Mayor. She will work with the Forever Young Senior Adult Program and any other City department whenever necessary to assist with sustaining an active, age-friendly community; not just "elder-friendly" but friendly for all ages.

### Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

**1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Department includes Forever Young, a senior adult program that currently has about 1,100 members. As one of the 21 certified retirement cities in Mississippi, the Hometown Mississippi Retirement Program is a big part of our department. Our staff travels all over the state promoting the City of Southaven with MHR. Southaven offers a variety of housing choices in a wide range of prices from patio homes to estates, from apartments to senior housing. An active community theatre and arts council provide a creative outlet as well. Also, the range of comprehensive health care services offered in Southaven brings convenience and peace of mind. With a major hospital located in the heart of the city and numerous private physician practices, behavioral health services, pharmacies, dental practices and health specialists nearby, it is no surprise that Southaven serves as a regional health mecca.

**2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?**

Part of living retirement at its best is taking advantage of what our community has to offer in terms of living an active, affordable, healthy, and secure life that involves time spent with family. From parks, entertainment, sports, education, and the arts - there's plenty to do in Southaven. Neighborhood parks provide an area for picnics, hiking, fishing, and relaxation. We welcome all to join our Forever Young Senior Program as well.

**3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Department within our Parks Dept. includes Forever Young, a senior adult program that currently has about 1,100 members. They are very active, have many activities, and work well together and within our Arts & Cultural Affairs Dept.

#### Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

#### 4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

To establish involvement of our older adults throughout our community and within our Forever Young Senior Adult Program

#### 5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The motivation is to add to the quality of life and the general well-being of our older adults.

#### 6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community.

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >



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