

MEMBERSHIP

Any individual permanently employed 20 or more hours per week in any member unit of the Southbridge Retirement System and who is paid a salary of at least \$5,000 per year shall be required to become a member of the System. Elected officials who are paid a salary of at least \$5,000 per year may elect to become members of the System within 90 days of assuming office. Any individual who established membership prior to July 1, 2010 will continue to be a member in service thereafter irrespective of whether the member's hours fall below 20 per week. No other individual shall be eligible for membership in the System.

In all cases involving part-time, stipend, provisional, temporary provisional, seasonal, or intermittent employment or service of any employee in any governmental unit [prior to membership], said [member] shall be entitled to buy back said service, provided that (1) said [member] was later appointed to full-time service, (2) said [member] worked at least 20 hours per week, (3) said [member] pays back into the system an amount equal to that which would have been deducted from wages plus interest. The Southbridge Retirement Board shall determine how much service in any calendar year is equivalent to a year of service