

Taxes by Reason of Poverty
Liberty Township, Jackson County, Michigan

To be considered for exemption from 2015 property taxes by reason of poverty, this application must be filed with all requested attachments **between January 1 and December 7, 2015.**

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IMPORTANT: It is necessary that you fill out this application as carefully as you can. All questions must be answered. Please have supporting information such as contracts, mortgage receipts, tax receipts, bankbooks, etc., IMMEDIATELY available. An investigator may call at your home to examine your records, or you may be requested to appear in person before the Board of Review. NOTE: Any person making a false petition for the purpose of exemption from taxation shall be guilty of the crime of perjury, and shall be punished accordingly.

Property Information: Property Tax Identification Number of applicant's principal residence:

38-_____-_____-_____-_____-_____-_____

Property Address: _____

Do you own any vacant, residential property contiguous to your principal residence for which you are also requesting exemption? _____ (attach list)

Applicant Information: Owner(s) of property for which exemption is requested:

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Did you or a co-owner apply for a 2015 Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit?

Yes ____ No ____ If YES, did you receive a refund or tax credit? Credit ____ Refund ____

Amount: \$ _____ If NO, reason why: _____

SUBSTANTIAL & COMPELLING REASONS: In the space below list any substantial and compelling reasons you feel the Board should consider during the evaluation of this petition. Attach additional pages if needed.

Income & Assets: Please attach the following documentation to determine your eligibility for this exemption. Initial next to each item to indicate that it has been attached:

- a. ____ A list of all persons residing in the homestead and their relationship to applicant.
- b. ____ 2014 federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead including any property tax credit returns filed in 2014 or 2015. If not required to file income taxes, please complete form 4988.
- c. ____ Other proof of current income for all members of the household (Most recent payroll check stubs, etc. – See Township Board Resolution for definition of income).
- d. ____ An accounting of all cash assets, including copies of all bank statements for the previous 12 consecutive months (including checking, savings, money markets, certificates of deposit, etc.), and any other documentation of cash assets.
- e. ____ A detailed list of all non-cash assets, including purchase date and price, secured balance owed, current value and current equity. This list is to include all real estate owned by members of the household, including the homestead property and additional land, vehicles, recreational vehicles, jewelry, antiques, artwork, equipment, stocks, bonds, and any other real or personal property having value and accessible to the applicant, co-owner or any member of the applicant's household.

NOTE: DO NOT SIGN THIS PETITION UNTIL WITNESSED BY THE SUPERVISOR, BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBER OR NOTARY.

I, (We), _____, being duly sworn, depose and state under the penalties for perjury, that the information contained in this petition and my (our) financial condition as above stated is true and correct and to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

I (We), the Co-Owner, or any member of the household as no money, income or property other than herein mentioned. I (We) hereby grant permission to review income tax files in order to process this petition.

I (We) authorize the Township of Liberty to obtain and utilize whatever documentation and/or information necessary.

(Applicant)
(Applicant)

Subscribed and sworn this _____ day of _____, _____.

Supervisor, Board of Review Member, or Notary