

Hardship Exemption Application

THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

I, _____, being the owner and resident of the property listed below, apply for tax relief under MCL 211.7u of the General Property Tax Act. The real and personal property of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty are unable to contribute toward the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under this act.

Property Code Number: _____

Property address: _____

Phone () _____ Marital status: _____

Age of applicant: _____ Age of spouse: _____

Number of dependents: _____ Age(s) of dependents: _____

Have you applied for Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit this year? _____

How much was your Property Tax Credit? \$ _____

Attach a copy of 1040 federal or state income tax return for each person residing in the homestead, if filed for the current or preceding year. If you are not required to file a federal or state income tax return, you must sign a Poverty Exemption Affidavit. Failure to supply these documents could be an automatic denial of the application.

REAL ESTATE: Is home paid for? _____ Unpaid balance: _____

Name of mortgage company: _____ Monthly payment: _____

How long have you lived at this residence? _____

List any other property you own:

Address: _____ Name of Owner _____ Assessed Value _____

Income earned from the above property \$ _____

EMPLOYMENT: Name of employer: _____

Address: _____ Phone number () _____

List all income from salaries, Social Security, rents, pensions, unemployment compensation, disability, government pensions, workers' compensation, dividends, claims, and judgments from lawsuits, alimony, child support and any other source.

Source of Income

Monthly or Annual Income

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SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS: List all savings owned by you or your spouse, including savings accounts, postal savings, credit union shares, certificates of deposit, cash, stocks, bonds or similar investment.

Name of Financial Institution	Amount of Deposit	Current Interest Rate	Name on Account	Value of Investment
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

LIFE INSURANCE: List all policies held by you or your spouse.

Insured	Amount of Policy	Amount Paid Monthly	Paid Up Policy	Name of Beneficiary	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

MOTOR VEHICLES IN HOUSEHOLD:

Make	Year	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

LIST ALL PERSONS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD:

Last Name	First Name	Age	Relationship to Claimant	Place of Employment	Contribution to Family Income
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

PERSONAL DEBTS:

Creditor	Purpose of Debt	Date of Debt	Original Balance	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Reason for Exemption Request

NOTICE: Any willful misstatements or misrepresentations made on this form may constitute perjury, which, under the law, is a felony punishable by fine or imprisonment.

NOTICE; A copy of your latest federal income tax return, state income tax return (MI-1040) and your Homestead Tax Credit claim (MI-1040 CR 1,2,3 or 4) must be attached as proof of income.

NOTE: DO NOT SIGN until witnessed by the supervisor, assessor, board of review or notary public.

State of Michigan, County of Barry

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the statements made in the foregoing application are true and that he/she has no money, income or property other than mentioned herein.

Signed by Petitioner _____

Signed by Petitioner's Spouse (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

Subscribed and sworn this _____ day of _____, _____

Signature: _____

- Notary Supervisor
 Assessor Board of Review Member

This application shall be filed after January 1, but prior to the last day of the Board of Review

FOR BOARD OF REVIEW USE

Disposition by Board of Review: _____ **Date** _____

Denied Approved – Assessment reduced to \$ _____

Supervisor _____ **Chairperson** _____

Second Member _____ **Third Member** _____

Decisions may be appealed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal

THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP

POVERTY INCOME AND ASSET TEST GUIDELINES

Adopted by Township Board on March 12, 2012

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) The adopted guidelines shall not be set lower than the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 6) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review

POVERTY INCOME and ASSETS STANDARD

The following are the 2020 federal poverty guideline (at 125%) for use in setting poverty income and asset test standards for Thornapple Township applicants.

Size of Family Household	Maximum Total Income (Federal)	Maximum Total Income (Township)
1	\$12,490	\$15,615
2	\$16,910	\$21,140
3	\$21,330	\$26,665
4	\$25,750	\$32,190
5	\$30,170	\$37,715
6	\$34,590	\$43,240
7	\$39,010	\$48,765
8	\$43,430	\$54,290
Each additional person	\$4,420	\$5,525

See Poverty Income Guidelines and Asset Test on reverse side.

Thornapple Township Poverty Exemptions

TEST 1: Poverty Income Guidelines

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, “income” includes:

- Money, wages and salaries before any deductions.
- Net receipts from nonfarm self-employment. (These are receipts from a person’s own business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses.
- Net receipts from farm self-employment. (With the same provisions as above).
- Regular payments from Social Security, railroad retirement, unemployment, worker’s compensation, veterans’ payments and public assistance.
- Alimony, child support, and military family allotments.
- Private pensions, government pensions, and regular insurance or annuity payments.
- College or university scholarships, grants, fellowships and assistantships.
- Dividends, interest, net rental income, net royalties, periodic receipts from estates or trusts, and net gambling or lottery winnings.

TEST 2: Asset Test

(If the applicant meets poverty income guidelines)

The value of the principal residence (home) does NOT have to be considered in the applicant’s list of assets.

Listed below are possible examples of assets:

- A second home
- Land
- Vehicles
- Recreational vehicles (campers, motorhomes, boats, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.)
- Buildings, other than the residence
- Jewelry
- Antiques
- Artwork
- Equipment
- Other personal property of value
- Money received from sale of property such as stocks, bonds, a house, or a car
- Withdrawals of bank deposits and borrowed money

Poverty Exemption Affidavit

This form is issued under authority of Public Act 206 of 1893; MCL 211.7u.

INSTRUCTIONS: When completed, this document must accompany a taxpayer's Application for Poverty Exemption filed with the supervisor or the board of review of the local unit where the property is located. MCL 211.7u provides for a whole or partial property tax exemption on the principal residence of an owner of the property by reason of poverty and the inability to contribute toward the public charges. MCL 211.7u(2)(b) requires proof of eligibility for the exemption be provided to the board of review by supplying copies of federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including property tax credit returns, or by filing an affidavit for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns for the current or preceding tax year.

I, _____, swear and affirm by my signature below that I reside in the principal residence that is the subject of this Application for Poverty Exemption and that for the current tax year and the preceding tax year, I was not required to file a federal or state income tax return.

Address of Principal Residence: _____

Signature of Person Making Affidavit

Date