

Spring Lake Township

Specific Requirements for Poverty Exemption Asset Test

1. A Poverty Exemption shall not be granted to any applicant whose total liquid assets exceed **\$1,500**.
2. Under no circumstances shall a Poverty exemption be granted to any applicant who owns any interest in marketable real estate in addition to their principle residence.

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Changes For 2020

The following are the Federal Poverty Guidelines for which will also be used as the Poverty Exemption guidelines for Spring Lake Township.

2020 Poverty Guidelines

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$12,490
2	\$16,910
3	\$21, 330
4	\$25,750
5	\$30,170
6	\$34, 590
7	\$39,010
8	\$43,430
For each additional person	\$4,420

**** Remember, if you have a Special Assessment from the Spring Lake Lake Board, water/sewer department, or County drain, that portion of the tax bill is not covered under the Poverty Exemption and that portion of the tax bill is still the homeowner's responsibility.

Please use the following checklist to make sure you have all the required documents before you meet with the Board of Review.

APPLICATION REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST:

_____ FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN (PREVIOUS YEAR)

_____ STATE INCOME TAX RETURN (PREVIOUS YEAR)

_____ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT RETURN (PREVIOUS YEAR)

_____ PROOF OF ALL INCOME SOURCES
(MOST RECENT ONE-MONTH PERIOD)

_____ PROOF OF IDENTITY (DRIVERS LICENSE, PICTURE ID)

_____ PROOF OF OWNERSHIP (TAX RECORDS, DEED, ETC)

POVERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION

I, _____, Petitioner, being the owner and residing at the property that is listed below as my principal residence, apply for property tax relief under MCL 211.7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893. The principal residence of persons who, in the judgment of the township supervisor or city assessor 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 per MCL 211.7u(1).

In order to be considered complete, this application must: 1) be completed in its entirety, 2) include information regarding all members residing within the household, and 3) include all required documentation as listed within the application. Please write legibly and attach additional pages as necessary.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Petitioner must list all required personal information.

Property Address of Principal Residence:	Daytime Phone Number:	
Age of Petitioner:	Marital Status:	Age of Spouse:
Number of Legal Dependents:	Age of Dependents:	
Applied for Homestead Property Tax Credit (yes or no):	Amount of Homestead Property Tax Credit:	

REAL ESTATE INFORMATION: List the real estate information related to your principal residence. Be prepared to provide a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property at the BOR meeting.

Property Parcel Code Number:	Name of Mortgage Company:	
Unpaid Balance Owed on Principal Residence:	Monthly Payment:	Length of Time at This Residence:
Property Description:		

ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION: List information related to any other property you, or any household member owns.

Do you own, or are buying, other property (yes or no)? If yes, complete the information below.	Amount of Income Earned from Other Property:		
Property Address	Name of Owner(s)	Assessed Value	Amount & Date of Last Taxes Paid
		\$	
		\$	

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION: List your current employment information.

Name of Employer:	Name of Contact Person:
Address of Employer:	Employer Phone Number:

List all income sources, including but not limited to: salaries, Social Security, rents, pensions, IRAs (individual retirement accounts), unemployment compensation, disability, government pensions, worker's compensation, dividends, claims and judgments from lawsuits, alimony, child support, friend or family contribution, reverse mortgage, or any other source of income.

Source of Income	Monthly or Annual Income (indicate which)

CHECKING, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT INFORMATION: List any and all savings owned by all household members, including but not limited to: checking accounts, savings accounts, postal savings, credit union shares, certificates of deposit, cash, stocks, bonds, or similar investments.

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

LIFE INSURANCE: List all policies held by all household members.

Name of Insured	Amount of Policy	Monthly Payment	Policy Paid in Full	Name of Beneficiary	Relationship to Insured

MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION: All motor vehicles (including motorcycles, motor homes, camper trailers, etc.) held or owned by any person residing within the household must be listed.

Make	Year	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed

LIST ALL PERSONS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD: All persons residing in the residence must be listed.

First & Last Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant	Place of Employment	Amount of Monetary Contribution to Family Income

PERSONAL DEBT: All personal debt for all household members must be listed.

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

MONTHLY EXPENSE INFORMATION: The amount of monthly expenses related to the principal residence for each category must be listed. Indicate N/A as necessary.

Heating:	Electric:	Water:
Phone and/or Cell Phone:	Cable/Internet	Food:
Clothing:	Health Insurance:	Garbage:
Daycare:	Car Expense (gas, repair, etc):	Other (list type):
Other (list type):	Other (list type):	Other (list type):
Other (list type):	Other (list type):	Other (list type):
Other (list type):	Other (list type):	Other (list type):

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: Per MCL 211.7u(2b), a copy of all household members federal income tax returns, state income tax returns (MI-1040) and Homestead Property Tax Credit claims (MI-1040CR 1, 2, 3 or 4) must be attached as proof of income. Documentation for all income sources including, but not limited to, credits, claims, Social Security income, child support, alimony income, and all other income sources must be provided at time of application.

Petitioners: Do not sign this application until witnessed by the Supervisor, Assessor, Board of Review or Notary Public. (Must be signed by either the Supervisor, Assessor, Board of Review Member or Notary Public)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 COUNTY OF _____

I, the undersigned Petitioner, hereby declare that the foregoing information is complete and true and that neither I, nor any household member residing within the principal residency, have money, income or property other than mentioned herein.

 Petitioner Signature Date

Subscribed and sworn this _____ day of _____, 2020

Assessor Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

BOR Member Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Notary Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

This application shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of March, July or December Board of Review to the address below. Board of Review Dates for 2020 are March 10, July 21 and December 15.

Board of Review
 c/o Assessor
 Spring Lake Township
 101 S. Buchanan
 Spring Lake, MI 49456