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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, 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 if 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 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 Board of Review meeting:

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

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

Do you own, or are buying, other property? 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



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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, IRA's (individual retirement accounts), unemployment compensation, disability, government pensions, worker's compensation, dividends, claims and judgements from lawsuits, alimony, child support, friend or family contribution, reverse mortgage, or any other source of income, for all persons residing at the property.

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, for all persons residing at the property.

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 household must be listed.

Make	Model	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed



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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 Balance	Balance Owed

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

Heating:	Electric:	Water:
Phone:	Cable:	Food:
Clothing:	Health Insurance:	Phone:
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):
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Notice: Any willful misstatements or misrepresentations made on this form my 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 or a signed Form 4988, *Poverty Exemption Affidavit*. 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 or Notary Public)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF INGHAM

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 _____, 20____.

Staff 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 the December Board of Review to the address below.

**Board of Review
C/O Assessor
City of Lansing
124 W. Michigan Ave
Lansing, MI 48933**

DECISIONS OF THE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MAY BE APPEALED BY PETITION TO THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL BY JULY 31 OF THE CURRENT YEAR. JULY OR DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW DENIALS MAY BE APPEALED TO MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL BY PETITION WITHIN 35 DAYS OF DENIAL. A COPY OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW DECISION MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE PETITION.

Michigan Tax Tribunal
PO Box 30232
Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: 517-373-4400
E-mail: taxtrib@michigan.gov



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Michigan Department of Treasury
4988 (05-12)

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



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FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2020 ASSESSMENTS

The following are federal poverty guidelines as of **12-31-19** for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for **2020** assessment.

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, add	\$4,420