



CHECK LIST FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION

Note: Provide proofs for yourself, spouse, and all OTHERS that are living in the home – If proofs are not provided, please explain why.

- ___ initial Form 5737 (Rev. 10-25) - COMPLETED POVERTY APPLICATION (parts 1 – 15)
- ___ initial FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS *and/or State Tax Commission Form 4988, Poverty Exemption Affidavit* for each owner/occupant in the principal residence
- ___ initial STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS *and/or State Tax Commission Form 4988, Poverty Exemption Affidavit* for each owner/occupant in the principal residence
- ___ initial REAL ESTATE INFORMATION & AFFIRMATION OF OWNERSHIP – (parts 2 & 3)
- ___ initial ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION– for each owner/occupant in the principal residence (part 4)
- ___ initial EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION – (part 5)
- ___ initial INCOME SOURCES – documentation for all sources of income for each owner/occupant in the principal residence (part 6)
- ___ initial BANK INFORMATION – **most recent 3 months of bank statements** (checking and savings) for each owner/occupant in the principal residence (part 7)
- ___ initial ANY OTHER ASSETS – real estate other than principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, stocks bonds, Life insurance, retirement funds, etc. for each owner/occupant in the principal residence (parts 8 & 9)
- ___ initial ALL PERSONS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD for each owner/occupant in the principal residence (part 10)
- ___ initial PERSONAL DEBTS for each owner/occupant in the principal residence (part 11)
- ___ initial MONTHLY EXPENSES related to the principal residence (part 12)
- ___ initial **Affirming you understand the policies and guidelines of Monroe Charter Township and SIGN the application (parts 13-15)**

DEADLINES:

To be considered for the exemption, application and all supporting documents must be in by -
2026 March Board of Review: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 by 4:30 pm (EST)
2026 July Board of Review: Monday, July 20, 2026
2026 December Board of Review: Monday, December 14, 2026

Application and Affirmation for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption

This form is issued under the authority of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, MCL 211.7u.

MCL 211.7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, provides a property tax exemption for the principal residence of persons who, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges. This application is to be used to apply for the exemption and must be filed with the Board of Review where the property is located. This application may be submitted to the city or township where the property is located in each year on or after January 1 but before the day prior to the last day of the board of review. Poverty Exemptions may be heard by the Board of Review during its March, July, and December sessions.

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.

PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION — Petitioner must list all required personal information.				
Petitioner's Name			Daytime Phone Number	
Age of Petitioner	Marital Status	Age of Spouse	Number of Legal Dependents	
Property Address of Principal Residence		City	State	ZIP Code
PART 2: 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 Identification Number		Name of Mortgage Company		
Unpaid Balance Owed on Principal Residence	Monthly Payment	Length of Time at this Residence		
Property Description				
PART 3: AFFIRMATION OF OWNERSHIP, OCCUPANCY, AND INCOME STATUS (Check all boxes that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/> I own the property in which the exemption is being claimed.				
<input type="checkbox"/> The property in which the exemption is being claimed is used as my homestead. Homestead is generally defined as any dwelling with its land and buildings where a family makes its home.				
PART 4: ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION				
List information related to any other property owned by you or any member residing in the household.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you own, or are buying, other property. If checked, complete the information below.			Amount of Income Earned from other Property	
1	Property Address	City	State	ZIP Code
	Name of Owner(s)	Assessed Value	Date of Last Taxes Paid	Amount of Taxes Paid
2	Property Address	City	State	ZIP Code
	Name of Owner(s)	Assessed Value	Date of Last Taxes Paid	Amount of Taxes Paid

PART 5: EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION — List your current employment information.

Name of Employer			
Address of Employer	City	State	ZIP Code
Contact Person	Employer Telephone Number		

PART 6: INCOME SOURCES

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, for all persons residing at the property.

Source of Income	Monthly or Annual Income (indicate which)

PART 7: 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

PART 8: LIFE INSURANCE — List all policies held by all household members.

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

PART 9: 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

PART 10: HOUSEHOLD OCCUPANTS — List all persons living in the household.				
First and Last Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant	Place of Employment	\$ Contribution to Family Income

PART 11: PERSONAL DEBT — List all personal debt for all household members.					
Creditor	Purpose of Debt	Date of Debt	Original Balance	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed

PART 12: 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
Cable	Food	Clothing	Health Insurance
Garbage	Daycare	Car Expense (gas, repair, etc.)	
Other (type and amount)	Other (type and amount)	Other (type and amount)	
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NOTICE: Per MCL 211.7u(2)(b), federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year must be submitted with this application. Federal and state income tax returns are not required for a person residing in the principal residence if that person was not required to file a federal or state income tax return in the tax year in which the exemption under this section is claimed or in the immediately preceding tax year.

PART 13: POLICY AND GUIDELINES ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The governing body of the local assessing unit shall determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines used for the granting of exemptions under MCL 211.7u. In order to be eligible for the exemption, the applicant must meet the federal poverty guidelines published in the prior calendar year in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under its authority to revise the poverty line under 42 USC 9902, or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body of the local assessing unit so long as the alternative guidelines do not provide income eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines. The policy and guidelines must include, but are not limited to, the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and total household income and assets. The combined assets of all persons must not exceed the limits set forth in the guidelines adopted by the local assessing unit.

The applicant has reviewed the applicable policy and guidelines adopted by the city or township, including the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and total household income and assets.

PART 14: LEGAL DESIGNEE INFORMATION (Complete if applicable.)

Legal Designee Name		Daytime Telephone Number	
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code

PART 15: CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided in this form is complete, accurate and I am eligible for the exemption from property taxes pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law, Section 211.7u.

Printed Name	Signature	Date
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This application shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the local unit's December Board of Review.

Decision of the March Board of Review may be appealed by petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by July 31 of the current year. A July or December Board of Review decision may be appealed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by petition within 30 days of decision. A copy of the Board of Review decision must be included with the petition.

Michigan Tax Tribunal
 PO Box 30232
 Lansing MI 48909

Phone: 517-335-9760
 Email: taxtrib@michigan.gov

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

MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

A Resolution to Set Poverty Exemption Guidelines to be used by the Township Board of Review for tax year 2026.

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemption is within the purview of the Township Board, and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under 1893 Public Act 206, as amended by 2020 PA 253, and as further amended by 2022 PA 141, and as further amended by 2023 PA 191 relating to MCL 211.7u (the "Act"), and

WHEREAS, Monroe Charter Township, Monroe County, adopts the following guidelines for the Supervisor or Board of Review to implement for tax year 2026. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household.

To be eligible for the poverty exemption from taxation under the Act in Monroe Charter Township, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1. Own and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested. The person shall affirm this ownership and occupancy status in writing by filing a form prescribed by the State Tax Commission with the local assessing unit.
2. File a claim with the Board of Review on a form prescribed by the state tax commission and provided by the local assessing unit, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns including any property tax credit returns for all persons residing in the principal residence filed in the preceding year or in the current year. Federal and state income tax returns are not required for a person residing in the principal residence if that person was not required to file a federal or state income tax return in the tax year in which the exemption under this section is claimed or in the preceding tax year, and an affidavit in a form prescribed by the State Tax Commission may be accepted in place of the federal or state income tax return.
3. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested by the supervisor or board of review.
4. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if required by the supervisor or the board of review.
5. Meet the income levels of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines published in the prior calendar year in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and as adopted by Monroe Charter Township, as shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.
6. Confirm that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the asset level guidelines, as listed below, as determined by the Board of Monroe Charter Township. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles,

recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.

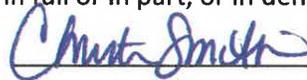
A poverty exemption shall not be granted if any of the following conditions are applicable to the household (Monroe Charter Township Asset Level Guidelines):

- A. The applicant or any other resident of the household has combined cash assets in savings or checking accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, cash or other assets that exceed **\$5,000**.
- B. The applicant or any other resident of the household has combined non-cash assets that exceed **\$10,000**, excluding the primary residence, applicant's household personal property and one automobile per licensed household resident 16 years of age or older.

7. The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1st but one day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review of the then-current year. The filing of a claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

8. Subject to Subsection 10 of the Act and Township Board Resolution 25-01, if an exemption was not on the 2025 assessment roll or was denied, an application for an exemption shall be filed one day prior to the last day of the July or December Boards of Review of the then-current year. The filing of a claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and guidelines in granting an exemption, in full or in part, or in denying the exemption.



Christina Smith, Clerk
Monroe Charter Township

Attested



John Manor, Supervisor
Monroe Charter Township

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)
COUNTY OF MONROE)

I, Christina Smith, Clerk of Monroe Charter Township do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Monroe Charter Township Board at its Regular Meeting held January 20, 2026.

6 Board members present and 6 voting in favor the Resolution.



Christina Smith, Clerk

Exhibit A
Poverty Income Guidelines

Size of Family Unit	Federal Poverty Guidelines to qualify for 100% exemption of taxable value	Monroe Charter Township Poverty Guidelines to qualify for 50% reduction of taxable value [^]
1	\$15,650	\$15,651 to \$31,300
2	\$21,150	\$21,151 to \$42,300
3	\$26,650	\$26,651 to \$53,300
4	\$32,150	\$32,151 to \$64,300
5	\$37,650	\$37,651 to \$75,300
6	\$43,150	\$43,151 to \$86,300
7	\$48,650	\$48,651 to \$97,300
8	\$54,150	\$54,151 to \$108,300
For each additional person, add:	\$5,500	\$11,000

[^] "1 person" Monroe Charter Township Poverty income level for 50% reduction in taxable value is determined each year by multiplying the federal income level by a factor of 2.00 and "Each Additional Person" is adjusted by a factor of 2.00.

*Michigan Food Assistance Program income guidelines for 2026 used in the development of the Monroe Charter Township Income Guidelines for consideration of a Poverty Exemption with a 50% reduction of taxable value (gross income limit at 200% of Federal Income Guidelines)