

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Pursuant to PA 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u), the Eureka Charter Township Board has adopted the following guidelines for the Township Supervisor and Board of Review to follow when granting poverty exemptions for homestead properties in Eureka Township.

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

1. Own and occupy as a homestead the parcel for which an exemption is requested.
2. File an application with the supervisor/assessor or Board of Review after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. The application must contain copies of:
 - Federal Income Tax Return(s) 1040 or 1040A for all persons residing in the household.
 - State Income Tax Return(s) M 1040A for all persons residing in the household.
 - Homestead Property Tax Claim MI-1040 CR returns filed for the most recent 2 years.
 - Statement of Benefits paid from Michigan Department of Social Services or Security.
3. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification, if requested.
4. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which the exemption is requested, if requested.
5. Meet the federal income "Poverty Guidelines" as defined and determined annually by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. (Most current Poverty Guidelines are attached.)
6. Have total assets, of all persons residing in the household, which do not exceed the current maximum asset guidelines established by the Eureka Charter Township Board. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
7. Provide any further requested information and answer completely answer all questions posed by the Supervisor of Board of Review.

The maximum total assets, other than a vehicle, customary personal property, may not exceed \$3,000 per claimant or \$6,000 per household, whichever is less. These maximums may be changed by the Township Board once per year prior to the first meeting of the Board of Review in March.

Depending on individual circumstances, partial exemptions may be granted.



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Medical and extraordinary hardship situations may be used to qualify applicants who do not otherwise meet the above income and asset tests.

If an application is incomplete or if claimant fails to disclose all sources of income and assets of all persons residing in household, the exemption will be denied. If claimant refuses to answer or provides false or misleading answers to any other questions, the exemption will be denied.

The Board of Review and Supervisor shall follow the above policy and guidelines when making poverty exemption decisions. The same standards shall apply to each claimant for the assessment year "unless the Board of Review and Supervisor determine that there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and guidelines and those substantial and compelling reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant".

The above Poverty Guidelines were adopted at a regular meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board meeting held on February 13, 2017. The motion to adopt was made by Trustee Marty Poskany, and was seconded by Treasurer Cindy Hanson.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yes: Linda Ruwersma, Elaine Pendrick, Marty Poskany, Cindy Hanson, Brad Kelley, Jeremy Austin, and Rod Roy

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Linda Ruwersma 3-7-17
Linda Ruwersma, Clerk Date

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