



MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption Taxpayer Fact Sheet

[MCL 211.7u](#) provides for a property tax exemption, in whole or part, for the principal residence of persons who, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges. For purposes of the poverty exemption, the term "principal residence" means how principal residence exemption and qualified agricultural property are defined in MCL 211.7dd. The exemption does not apply to property of a corporation. This Taxpayer Fact Sheet includes updates made to MCL 211.7u by Public Act 253 of 2020.

How To Apply For The Poverty Exemption

To request a poverty exemption, a taxpayer must file:

1. Form 5737 *Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption*
2. Form 5739 *Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty*
3. All required additional documentation (such as federal/state income tax returns)

Forms 5737 and 5739, along with any additional documentation, must be filed with the local assessing unit where the property is located. **Do not file these forms with the Department of Treasury or the State Tax Commission.** The forms may be submitted to the local assessing unit on or after January 1 but before the day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review during the year in which the exemption is requested.

Taxpayers should contact the local assessing unit directly to verify deadline dates for submission of the forms to ensure the application gets reviewed by a Board of Review during that calendar year.

In addition to filing Forms 5737 and 5739 and any supporting documentation, a taxpayer must do all the following to be eligible for the poverty exemption:

1. Own and occupy the property as a principal residence.
2. Provide federal and state income tax returns for the current or immediately preceding year, including any property tax credits, for all persons **residing in the principal residence** (disclosure of the income of an owner who is not residing in the principal residence is not required). 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. Instead, Form 4988, *Poverty Exemption Affidavit* may be filed for all persons residing in

the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns in the current or immediately preceding year.

3. Produce a valid driver license or other form of identification, if requested.
4. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property, if requested.
5. 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 or alternative guidelines adopted by the local assessing unit. The alternative guidelines cannot provide income eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.
6. Meet the asset level test adopted by the local assessing unit.

Appeal Rights

An appeal of a decision of the March Board of Review is made by completing and submitting a petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal no later than July 31 of the same year. A decision of the July or December Board of Review may be appealed by completing and submitting a petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days of the July or December Board of Review's decision. More information on how to file an appeal is available by contacting the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Information can also be viewed on the Michigan Tax Tribunal's website at <https://www.michigan.gov/taxtribunal>.

Petition Number: _____ Parcel Number: 5403-_____

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP

Mecosta County, Michigan

2021

Guideline and Application for Property Tax Poverty Exemption

Pursuant to Section 211.7u
Michigan Compiled Laws

To be considered for a poverty exemption, the following information must be submitted prior to deadlines established for the March or July or December Board of Review meetings:

1. A complete Application for Property Tax Poverty Exemption.
2. Current or previous year's Federal Income Tax Return (1040) and Michigan Income Tax Return (MI-1040) for all persons residing in the home for which exemption is sought. *
 - A Property Exemption Affidavit may be filed for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns in the current or immediately preceding year.
3. Previous year's Principle Residence Property Tax Credit Form (MI-1040-CR)
4. Valid driver's license or other form of identification, if requested.
5. Deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which the poverty exemption is sought, if requested.

If an application does not include copies of the above documents, it may be considered incomplete, therefore ineligible for a Poverty Exemption.

Appeals for Property Tax Poverty Exemptions may be submitted to the Board of Review in by mail.

Mailed appeals should be sent to **Chippewa Township PO Box 26 Chippewa Lake, MI 49320.**

Poverty Exemption as defined by the Michigan Compiled Laws is as follows:

Section 211.7u: the principle residence of persons who, in the judgement of the board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges is exempt from taxation in whole or part from taxation under this act.

Please be aware that as an applicant for Poverty Exemption, you must also comply with the following sections of the Michigan Compiled Laws:

Section 211.116 Perjury: Any person who, under any of the proceedings required or permitted by this act shall willfully swear falsely, will be guilty of perjury and subject to its penalties.

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP

Mecosta County, Michigan

GUIDELINES FOR PROPERTY TAX POVERTY EXEMPTION REVIEW

1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Board of Review of Chippewa Township recognizes the need to have available a procedure by which residents in need of assistance under MCL 211.7u can make an application for property tax relief. The Board further recognizes that, pursuant to statute, as well as case law, they must adopt procedures and guidelines, approved by the Township Board, to be used as standards when considering appeals made based on financial hardship. The Board of Review understands these guidelines must be adhered to when reviewing hardship appeals, and reserves the right to make individual considerations within their authority, as they feel necessary. Any form submitted that is inaccurate or not fully completed will result in a denial of the appeal. All information in the form is subject to verification from the Board of Review, Supervisor or Assessors Office.

2. BASIC FILING REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for exemption under MCL 211.7u each applicant must:

- A. Own and occupy the property for which an exemption is requested as a principle residence, as defined by law. This may include vacant, contiguous property as long as the property is considered part of the principle residence.
- B. Complete and submit to the Township Supervisor or Board of Review an Application for Property Tax Poverty Exemption per the following schedule:

March Board of Review: After January 1st but before the first day of the Board of Review

July Board of Review: After January 1st but before the third Monday in July

December Board of Review: After January 1st but before the second Monday in December.

- C. Provide federal and state income tax returns, W-2 or 1099 for **all** persons residing in the principle residence including any property tax credit returns. These income tax returns shall include those filed in the current year or in the immediately preceding year. A Property Exemption Affidavit (included with the application) may be filed for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns in the current year or in the immediately preceding year.
- D. *If you are not disabled, you must have applied for assistance from the State of Michigan "Family Independency Agency" and provide proof of denial or proof of assistance you are or expect to receive, if requested.*
- E. *If you are not disabled and do not have any medical documented work restrictions the following shall apply:*
 - A. *Be registered with Michigan Job Works and be willing to work at any job you are physically capable of doing*
 - and
 - B. *Have been unemployed for the previous six calendar months.*

- F. *If you are disabled you must show you have applied for Social Security benefits or S.S.I. and Show proof of denial, pending action or income received or expects to receive.*

3. PROCESSING APPLICATIONS

Once an *Application for Property Tax Poverty Exemption* is submitted it will be reviewed for completeness, by the Township Supervisor or Treasurer. If an application is found to be incomplete, the applicant will be notified.

Completed applications may be presented for appeal to the Board of Review, in person by the applicant, during scheduled appeal hearings in March, July or December. Completed applications submitted by mail will also be considered by the Board of Review during scheduled appeal hearings.

The Board of Review, in making their decision, may contact the applicant for any additional information they deem necessary. The Board of Review shall also reject any application where the information contained in it appears fraudulent, misleading or incomplete.

4. INCOME GUIDELINES

The income guidelines used by the Board of Review have been established in accordance with MCL 211.7u and shall be adhered to unless accompanied by special circumstances. In determining qualifications for tax exemption, the Board of Review, shall consider every variable on the application, including total household income, the nature and duration of the income stream, the state equalized value of the subject property, the quality and accuracy of the information submitted and any other such evidence as they feel appropriate in making their decision. In general however these guidelines shall assist the Board of Review in their decisions.

	2021 Federal Guidelines
Size of Family/ Household	Maximum Total Income
1	\$12,760
2	\$17,240
3	\$21,720
4	\$26,200
5	\$30,680
6	\$35,160
7	\$39,640
8	\$44,120
Additional Person	\$ 4,480

5. ASSET GUIDELINES

As required by MCL 211.7u, all guidelines for poverty exemptions as established by the governing body of the local assessing unit SHALL also include an asset level test. For the 2020 tax year, applicants must meet an asset test established by resolution, of the Chippewa Township Board, at a regular meeting held on January 6, 2021.

Of the different types of Valuations, The True Cash Value of the property for which the poverty exemption is requested shall be a consideration by the Board of Review when determining eligibility.

Assets include, but are not limited to, real estate other than principal residence, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposits, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc. For purposes of this paragraph, the Board of Review shall consider the value of the assets and shall or shall not, at their sole option, reduce such value by any indebtedness owed on such assets, or indebtedness otherwise owed by the applicants. Either way, said indebtedness must be reported.

Examples Include:

- Additional Vehicles
- A second home or property
- More Land than a minimum “footprint” for the home
- Equipment or other personal property including recreational vehicles (campers, motor homes, boats, ATV’s etc.)
- Money received from sale of property such as house, car, stocks or bonds
- Federal Non-Cash benefits programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps and school lunch programs.
- Personal items that can be salvaged or scrapped

Assets, (except the original homestead, essential household goods and the first \$5,000 of the market value of a motor vehicle), shall not exceed \$5,000. (five thousand) dollars for individual applicant and/or \$10,000 (ten thousand) dollars per household. *To receive a full exemption you may not have any additional assets, on hand or in any account available to you, exceeding \$2,500.00.*

Asset levels exclude any amounts needed to cover outstanding medical bills and those funds designated for burial funds. Proof of outstanding medical bills and burial funds must be submitted with application.

6. EXTRAORDINARY HARDSHIP SITUATIONS

The board of Review shall follow the above policy and guidelines when making poverty exemption decisions. The same standards shall apply to each claimant *“unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and guidelines and the substantial and compelling reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.”*

7. SUMMARY

In conclusion, the Board of Review has been given exclusive jurisdiction over the granting of the property tax relief due to financial hardship. The Board of Review for Chippewa Township, Mecosta County, Michigan takes this task seriously and attempts to provide relief to all deserving residents within the Township. The Board of Review may deny any appeal, regardless of income, if the financial hardship appears to be self-created by the actions of the person or persons making the application.

Application 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 the property is located in each year on or after January 1.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if applied for Homestead Property Tax Credit		Amount of Homestead Property Tax Credit		
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 Code Number		Name of Mortgage Company		
Unpaid Balance Owed on Principal Residence	Monthly Payment	Length of Time at this Residence		
Property Description				
PART 3: 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 4: EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION — List your current employment information.					
Name of Employer					
Address of Employer		City	State	ZIP Code	
Contact Person		Employer Telephone Number			
PART 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: PERSONAL DEBT — List all personal debt for all household members.

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

PART 11: 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 11: 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 12: 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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PART 3: ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION				
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PART 4: EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION — List your current employment information.

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

PART 5: 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 6: 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.

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PART 7: 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

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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 12: CERTIFICATION

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Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty

This form is issued under the authority of Public Act 253 of 2020.

This form is to be used to affirm ownership, occupancy, and income status. MCL 211.7u(2) provides that, to be eligible for exemption under this section, a person shall, subject to subsection (6) and (8), annually affirm that the applicant owns and occupies, as a principal residence, the property for which an exemption is requested.

PART 1: OWNER INFORMATION — Enter information for the person owning and occupying the residence.			
Owner Name		Owner Telephone Number	
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code
PART 2: LEGAL DESIGNEE INFORMATION (Complete if applicable.)			
Legal Designee Name		Daytime Telephone Number	
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code
PART 3: HOMESTEAD PROPERTY INFORMATION — Enter information for property in which the exemption is being claimed.			
City or Township (check the appropriate box and enter name) <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village		County	
Name of Local School District			
Parcel Identification Number		Year(s) Exemption Previously Granted by Board of Review	
Homestead Property Address	City	State	ZIP Code
PART 4: 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. <input type="checkbox"/> After establishing initial eligibility for the exemption, my income and asset status has remained unchanged and/or I receive a fixed income solely from public assistance that is not subject to significant annual increases beyond the rate of inflation, such as federal Supplemental Security Income or Social Security disability or retirement benefits.			
PART 5: CERTIFICATION			
I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided on this form is true and I am eligible to receive an exemption from property taxes by reason of poverty pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law, Section 211.7u.			
Owner or Legal Designee Name (print)		Signature of Owner or Legal Designee	Date
Designee must attach a letter of authority.			
LOCAL GOVERNMENT USE ONLY (DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied (Attach appeal instructions and provide to owner.)		Tax Year(s) exemption will be posted to tax roll	
CERTIFICATION — I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this form is complete and accurate.			
Assessor Signature		Date Certified by Assessor	

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