

# Homestead Exemption

## What is Homestead Exemption?

Eligible seniors or disabled homeowners can receive a reduction in their property taxes on the dwelling that is their primary residence.

### Who Qualifies?

- 65 years of age or older OR have a permanent disability.
- Own and live in your home.
- Have a household income of no more than \$34,200. This includes your income and your spouse's income.

### Required Documents\*

- Ohio driver's license or Ohio ID card
- Proof of Income
  - » Ohio tax return for the previous year, or
  - » Federal tax return for the previous year, or
  - » Year-end 1099s and/or W-2s, if no tax return filed.
- Proof of Disability (if applicable)
  - » SSA Disability Insurance Award Letter, or
  - » DTE 105E form completed by doctor

\*If married, required documents must be submitted for both spouses.

### How to Apply

- Print a copy of the application (attached) or call (513) 946-4099 and request to have a copy of the Homestead Exemption Application sent to you.
- Complete and sign the application.
- Mail your application and required documents to the following address:

**Hamilton County Auditor  
Attn: Homestead Department  
138 East Court Street Rm. 304  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202**

### Other Tips

- If you are a surviving spouse of a person who qualified for the homestead exemption and you are at least 59 years of age, you may qualify for a homestead exemption.
- If you own more than one property, you will need to submit additional documentation proving that you are requesting a homestead exemption only for your primary resident.
- If you move, you must reapply to the program.
- You can also get credit for last year's tax bill if you provide proof of your income for last year.

If you have questions or need legal assistance,  
please call the Legal Aid line at **(513) 241-9400**