



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

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DEADLINE TO FILE IS APRIL 1ST OF APPLICATION YEAR

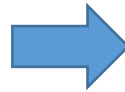
Each Columbia County resident who owns and occupies the property as their permanent legal residence as of January 1st of the application year may be eligible for a regular homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes indicated below, provided the owner meets the qualifications (O.C.G.A §48-5-40 and §48-5-45).

If previous address is not Columbia County, you must provide letter from previous county reflecting no homestead

***ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR D.L. REFLECTING THEIR HOME OF RECORD ADDRESS**

S1-Regular Homestead Exemption

- No income or age limit
- \$2,000 off the assessed value on county, fire, & school tax

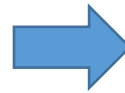


Requirements:

- D.L. copy
- Completed Application
- Non-US Citizen must provide copy of Green Card

L5-Total and Permanent Disability (SSI)

- No age limit
- **Household income:** Net income of \$15,000
- Disability affidavits from 2 physicians (one may be social security awards letter)
- \$40,000 off the assessed value on county, fire, school, and bond taxes

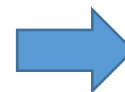


Requirements:

- D.L. copy
- Social security Awards letter
- 2 Recent Disability Affidavits
- 2023 Federal & state tax returns
- Completed Application

L3-Local Elderly Exemption

- **Age:** must be 62 yrs. old as of January 1 of application year
- **Household income:** net income limit of \$15,000 and social security + retirement income limit of \$87,048
- \$40,000 off the assessed value on county, fire, school, and bond taxes



Requirements:

- D.L. copy
- 2023 Federal & state tax returns
- Completed Application

L6-Elderly School Tax Exemption

- **Age:** must be 70 yrs. old as of January 1 of application year
- \$2,000 off the assessed value on county, fire, & 100% off school tax portion up to 3 acres.

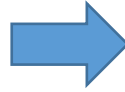


Requirements:

- D.L. copy
- Completed Application

S5-Disabled Veteran Exemption

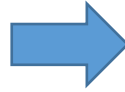
- No income or age limit
- 100% totally disabled as of January 1 of application year.
- \$109,986 off the assessed value on state, county, school municipal, and bond taxes



- Requirements:
- D.L. copy
 - Recent Summary of Benefits Letter
- *Must state rating, honorable discharge, confirmation of total disability, and date of total disability rating**
- Completed Application

SS-Surviving Spouse of Member of Armed Forces

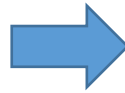
- No income or age limit
- Member of Armed Forces died while in area of war or conflict, or died while in route to or from assignment
- Unremarried surviving spouse
- \$109,986 off the assessed value on county, fire, school, and bond taxes



- Requirements:
- D.L. copy
 - Letter from Secretary of Defense evidencing surviving spousal benefits
 - Death Certificate
 - Marriage License
 - Completed Application

SG-Surviving Spouse of Firefighter or Peace Officer

- No income or age limit
- Firefighter or Peace officer killed in the line of duty
- Unremarried surviving spouse
- 100% exemption from county, fire, school, and bond taxes



- Requirements:
- D.L. copy
 - Marriage License
 - Death Certificate
 - Documentation of proof of incident
 - Completed Application

***Only one homestead shall be allowed to one immediate family group**

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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION

Date: _____ Exemption Year: _____ Exemption Applying For: _____ Map/Parcel: _____

Applicant #1

Name: Last _____ First _____ Mid. Initial _____ Birthdate _____

Marital Status: Married _____ Spouse's Name _____ Divorced _____ Single _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes _____ No _____ If No, Legal Alien Registration Number _____

Applicant #2

Name: Last _____ First _____ Mid. Initial _____ Birthdate _____

Marital Status: Married _____ Spouse's Name _____ Divorced _____ Single _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes _____ No _____ If No, Legal Alien Registration Number _____

Phone Number: _____ Alt Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

*Location Address: _____

Mailing Address if Different: _____

How long at this address _____ (if less than 5 years) Previous Address: _____

Date purchased: _____ From Whom: _____

Are you receiving a homestead or tax credit on any other property? Yes _____ No _____

Are you active duty military? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what state is your home of record? _____ (provide current LES)

Is improvement a mobile home? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, mobile home title/s must be retired.

Where are you registered to vote? County: _____ State: _____

County where vehicles are registered: _____ Total # of Vehicles _____

Tag # _____ Tag# _____ Tag# _____ (All vehicles must be registered to* location address in Columbia Co)

Affidavit of Applicant:

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear that the statements made in support of this application are true and correct, that I am the bona fide owner of the property located at _____ in this application, that I shall occupy or actually occupied same on January 1 of the year for which this application is made, that I am an eligible applicant for the homestead exemption applied for, qualifying or meeting the definition of the word "applicant" as defined in O.C.G.A. 48-5-40 and that no transaction has been made in collusion with another for the purpose of obtaining a homestead exemption contrary to law. I further swear as of this date, **I/nor my spouse** claim homestead on any other property.

X _____

Applicant #1 Signature

_____ Date

X _____

Applicant #2 Signature

_____ Date

Application Received by: _____

Tax Commissioner's Designee

Approved _____

Denied _____