



# HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

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## **DEADLINE TO FILE IS APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> OF APPLICATION YEAR**

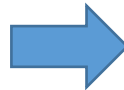
Each Columbia County resident who owns and occupies the property as their permanent legal residence as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the application year may be eligible for a regular homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes indicated below, provided the owner meets the qualifications (O.C.G.A §48-5-40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

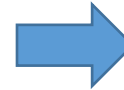


#### Requirements:

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

### L5-Total and Permanent Disability (SSI)

- No age limit
- **Income:** Net income limit of \$15,000 and social security + retirement limit of \$96,432
- 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

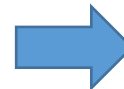


#### Requirements:

- D.L. copy
- Social security Awards letter
- 2 Recent Disability Affidavits
- 2024 Federal & state tax returns
- Completed Application

### L3-Local Elderly Exemption

- **Age:** must be 62 yrs. old as of January 1 of application year
- **Income:** net income limit of \$15,000 and social security + retirement limit of \$96,432
- \$40,000 off the assessed value on county, fire, school, and bond taxes



#### Requirements:

- D.L. copy
- 2024 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.

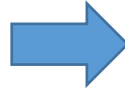


#### Requirements:

- D.L. copy
- Completed Application

### S5-Disabled Veteran Exemption

- No income or age limit
- 100% totally disabled as of January 1 of application year.
- \$121,812 off the assessed value on state, county, school municipal, and bond taxes

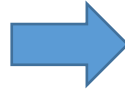


#### Requirements:

- 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
- \$121,812 off the assessed value on county, fire, school, and bond taxes

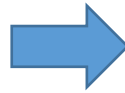


#### Requirements:

- 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

### Applications may be submitted:

**In person: 630 Ronald Reagan Dr. Bldg C Evans, Ga 30809**

**OR**

**Mailed to: P.O. Box 3030 Evans, Ga 30809**

**Columbia County Tax Commissioner's Office**  
**E. Wayne Bridges, Tax Commissioner**  
**630 Ronald Reagan Dr. Bldg. C Evans, GA 30809**  
**(706) 261-8299**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_