

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION
Madison County, FLORIDA**

**Permanent Florida residency required as of January 1st
Application Due to Property Appraiser by March 1st**

Parcel:
Owner and mailing address

Tax Year:
Type: New Change Additional
Legal Description:

Situs Address:

Improvement Type: , # of units:
Any portion leased or rented?

Note: Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. It is required by Section 196.011(1) Florida Statutes. The number will be used to verify taxpayer identity information and homestead exemption information submitted to property appraisers.	Ownership Information	
	Percent Ownership	Type of Deed
	Date of Deed	Instrument #
	Date Recorded	Book / Page
	Type of Ownership	

Have you ever received the benefit of Homestead Exemption in Florida? If so, when?
Address where previous Homestead was claimed (Including County)

Proof of Residence				
1	Marital Status			
2	Social Security Number			
3	Home / Work Phone			
4	Previous address of each applicant			
5	Current employer			
6	FL Residency / Occupancy Date	/	/	/
7	Do you claim homestead or receive a property tax benefit in another State? If yes, where?			
8	Evidence of relinquishing DL from another State			
9	Florida Driver License / Issue Date		/	/
10	Florida Vehicle Tag #			
11	Date of Birth			
12	Place of Birth / U.S. citizen	/	/	/
13	Immigration Card if not U.S. citizen	/	/	/
14	Voter Registration # / Date	/	/	/
15	School location of dependents			
16	Proof of Utility Payment			
17	Bank statement / Checking account mailing address			
18	Address listed on your last IRS return			
19	Physical address of each owner			
20	Do you or your spouse own additional residential properties in or out of Florida? (if yes, list all property addresses on attachment)			

I authorize this agency to obtain information to determine my eligibility for the exemptions applied for. I qualify for these exemptions under Florida Statutes. I own the property above and it is my permanent residence or the permanent residence of my legal or natural dependent(s). (See s. 196.031, Florida Statutes.) I understand that under section 196.131(2), F.S., any person who knowingly and willfully gives false information to claim homestead exemption is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by imprisonment up to 1 year, a fine up to \$5,000 or both. I have read, or have had someone read to me, the contents of this form. I certify all information on this form and any attachments are true, correct, and in effect on January 1 of this year.

Signature, applicant

Signature, applicant

Signature, applicant

Application Date

Signature, Property Appraiser / Deputy

Entered by

In addition to homestead exemption, I am applying for the following benefits.

Homestead \$25,000 - \$50,000

By local ordinance only:

- Age 65 and older with limited income (amount determined by ordinance)
- Age 65 and older with limited income and permanent residency for 25 years or more
- \$5000 widowed \$5000 blind \$5000 totally and permanently disabled
- Total and permanent disability - quadriplegic
- Certain total and permanent disabilities - limited income and hemiplegic, paraplegic, wheelchair required, or legally blind
- First responder totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty or surviving spouse
- Surviving spouse of first responder who died in the line of duty
- Disabled veteran discount, 65 or older which carries over to the surviving spouse
- Veteran disabled 10% or more
- Disabled veteran confined to wheelchair, service-connected
- Service-connected totally and permanently disabled veteran or veteran's surviving spouse. Applicants for this exemption qualify for a prorated refund of previous year's taxes if in the previous year they acquired this parcel between January 1 and November 1 and provide proof of the disability as of January 1 of that tax year*. If you received the same exemption on another parcel in the previous year, enter the previous parcel information in the space provided.
Parcel number _____ County _____.
- Surviving spouse of veteran who died while on active duty. Applicants for this exemption qualify for a prorated refund of previous year's taxes if in the previous year they acquired this parcel between January 1 and November 1 and provide an official letter*. If you received the same exemption on another parcel in the previous year, enter the previous parcel information in the space provided.
Parcel number _____ County _____.
- Other, specify: _____

See page 4 for qualification and required documents.

EXEMPTION AND DISCOUNT REQUIREMENTS

Homestead Every person who owns real property in Florida on January 1, makes the property his or her permanent residence or the permanent residence of a legal or natural dependent, and files an application may receive a property tax exemption a property tax exemption up to \$50,000. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes. The added \$25,000 applies to assessed value over \$50,000 and only to non-school taxes.

Your local property appraiser will determine whether you are eligible. The appraiser may consider information such as the items requested on page 1.

Save our Homes (SOH) Beginning the year after you receive homestead exemption, the assessment on your home cannot increase by more than the lesser of the change in the Consumer Price Index or 3 percent each year, no matter how much the just value increases. If you have moved from one Florida homestead to another within the last three years, you may be eligible to take some of your SOH savings with you. See your property appraiser for more information.

File the signed application for exemption with the Madison County Property Appraiser.

Owner: _____

Parcel Number: _____

PROPERTY OWNER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand the application for the tax exemption(s) that I am executing is for the year ___ and subsequent years.

I understand that if I/we use a PO Box address, or any address other than the physical address, now or in the future, I/we will be subject to an annual review by the Property Appraiser’s office to determine my continued homestead exemption eligibility.

I affirm that the real property address for which I am applying for homestead exemption is my **PERMANENT RESIDENCE** and the **ONLY** real estate anywhere on which I (or my spouse) am receiving any type of tax benefit or exemption.

I understand that per Florida Statute 196.061, rental of this property for any length of time will be considered abandonment of the homestead which will result in the removal of the exemption, and all applicable statutory penalties will be applied.

For active duty service member applicants whose employer is listed as any branch of the United States military: I understand that I must reside in the residence until such time I depart from Madison County on PCA orders.

PENALTIES

The property appraiser has a duty to put a tax lien on your property if you received a homestead exemption during the past 10 years that you were not entitled to. The property appraiser will notify you that taxes with penalties and interest are due. You will have 30 days to pay before a lien is recorded. If this was not an error by the property appraiser, **you will be subject to a penalty of 50 percent of the unpaid taxes and 15 percent interest each year** (see s. 196.011(9)(a), F.S.). For special requirements for estates probated or administered outside Florida, see s. 196.161(1), F.S.

The information in this application will be given to the Department of Revenue. Under s. 196.121, F.S., the Department and property appraisers can give this information to any state where the applicant has resided. Social security numbers will remain confidential under s. 193.114(5), F.S.

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This page does not contain all the requirements that determine your eligibility for an exemption.
Consult your local property appraiser and Chapter 196, Florida Statutes, for details.

Added Benefits Available for Qualified Homestead Properties				
	Amount	Qualifications	Forms and Documents*	Statute
Exemptions				
Local option, age 65 and older	Determined by local ordinance	Local ordinance, limited income	Proof of age DR-501SC, household income	196.075
	The amount of the assessed value	Local ordinance, just value under \$250,000, permanent residency for 25 years or more.	DR-501SC, household income	
Widowed	\$5,000		Death certificate of spouse	196.202
Blind	\$5,000		Florida physician, DVA*, or SSA**	196.202
Totally and Permanently Disabled	\$5,000	Disabled	Florida physician, DVA*, or SSA**	196.202
	All taxes	Quadriplegic	2 Florida physicians or DVA*	196.101
	All taxes	Hemiplegic, paraplegic, wheelchair required for mobility, or legally blind Limited income	DR-416, DR-416B, or letters from 2 FL physicians (For the legally blind, one can be an optometrist.) Letter from DVA*, and DR-501A, household income	196.101
Veterans and First Responders Exemptions and Discount				
Disabled veteran discount, age 65 and older which carries over to the surviving spouse	% of disability	Combat-related disability	Proof of age, DR-501DV Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.082
Veteran, disabled 10% or more by misfortune or during wartime service	Up to \$5,000	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.24
Veteran confined to wheelchair, service-connected, totally disabled	All taxes	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.091
Service-connected, totally and permanently disabled veteran or surviving spouse	All taxes	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.081
Surviving spouse of veteran who died while on active duty	All taxes	Surviving spouse	US Government or DVA letter attesting to the veteran's death while on active duty	196.081
First responder totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty or surviving spouse	All Taxes	First responder or surviving spouse	Proof of Disability, employer certificate, physician's certificate and SSA** (or additional physician certificate)	196.102
Surviving spouse of first responder who died in the line of duty	All taxes	Surviving spouse	Letter attesting to the first responder's death in the line of duty	196.081
*DVA is the US Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor. **SSA is the Social Security Administration.				

References

This form mentions the following documents, which are incorporated by reference in Rule 12D-16.002, F.A.C.
The forms may be available on your county property appraiser's website
or the Department of Revenue's website at floridarevenue.com/property/forms

Form

DR-416
DR-416B
DR-501A
DR-501DV

DR-501SC

Form Title

Physician's Certification of Total and Permanent Disability
Optometrist's Certification of Total and Permanent Disability
Statement of Gross Income
Application and Return for Homestead Tax Discount, Veterans Age 65 and Older with a Combat-Related Disability and Surviving Spouse
Adjusted Gross Household Income, Sworn Statement and Return