



General Homestead Exemption Application

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Section 1: Instructions

A. Property eligibility. To be eligible for the exemption

- The property must be occupied as the primary residence by the eligible taxpayer as of January 1st.
- The eligible taxpayer must be liable for paying the real estate taxes on the property.
- The eligible taxpayer must be an owner of record of the property or have a legal or equitable interest in the property as evidenced by a written instrument. In the case of a leasehold interest in property, contact the Chief County Assessment Office for the correct application. In the case of a life estate, the life estate must have been established by a document recorded by the DeKalb County Recorder.

If a homestead exemption has been granted under this Section and the person awarded the exemption subsequently becomes a resident of a facility licensed under the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act or Illinois MR/DD Community Care Act, then the exemption shall continue as long as the residence continues to be occupied by the qualifying person's spouse, or if the residence remains unoccupied but is still owned by the person qualified for the homestead exemption.

B. Application. After initial approval, the exemption will renew automatically. If the property is no longer eligible for the exemption, it is the responsibility of the taxpayer to remove the exemption to avoid possible interest and penalties.

C. Exemption Amount. Under 35 ILCS 200/15-175, qualified taxpayers are permitted an exemption that will remove up to \$6,000 from the equalized assessed value before taxes are calculated.

Section 2: Property Identification *(please print)*

Owner/Taxpayer Name(s): _____ Parcel No _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Property Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Property City, State, Zip: _____ Mailing City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ I have owned & occupied this property since: _____
(Month / Day / Year)

ADDRESS OF PRIOR RESIDENCE: _____

Are you receiving a homestead exemption on any other property, either in DeKalb County or elsewhere? Yes _____ No _____

Do you own real estate anywhere else in the United States? Yes _____ No _____

If so, list where: _____

If ownership is via a Life Estate, please attached a copy or provide document number: _____

**If 65 years of age or older,
please complete a Senior Homestead Exemption as well and attach a copy of your driver's license.**

Section 3: Oath I attest that: *(Applicant must check all that are applicable)*

___ The above address was occupied by person(s) with legal or equitable interest as of January 1 of the current assessment year;

___ The above address has been my primary residence since the date noted in Section 2;

___ I am the owner of record or have a legal or equitable interest in the property as evidenced by written instrument; and

___ I am liable for paying the real property taxes on this property, since the date stated above.

Signature of Owner/Taxpayer _____ Date _____

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