

TOWNSHIP OF SLAGLE POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY

Pursuant to MCL 211. 7u, the Township of Slagle adopts the following policy for the granting of poverty exemptions in the Township of Slagle.

1. To be eligible for a poverty exemption, a person must do all the following on an annual basis:
 - a. Be an owner of, and occupy as a homestead, the property for which an exemption is requested.
 - b. File a poverty exemption application, accompanied by Federal and State Income Tax Returns for all persons residing in the homestead.
 - c. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification to the Assessor.
 - d. Produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
 - e. Meet the income and asset standards set forth in this policy.
2. All applicants must fill out an application form, in its entirety, and return it, in person, to the Township of Slagle or to the Assessor of record. The applicant must sign the application at the Slagle Township Hall, or with the Assessor, when the application is returned.
3. All applicants and other persons with a vested interest in the homestead, or those residing in the homestead, must submit the following documents for the tax year immediately preceding the year in which the poverty exemption is requested:
 - a) Federal Income Tax Return;
 - b) Michigan Income Tax Return;
 - c) Statement from Social Security Administration and/or Family Independence Agency as to monies paid to the applicant or other persons residing in the homestead.
 - d) Signed authorization(s) to allow the Township to obtain copies of tax returns from the IRS and State of Michigan.
4. Income Test. All applicants must meet Federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
5. Asset Test. All applicants must complete the attached asset test in its entirety.
6. A Hardship will be issued only for a property with a 100% principal residence exemption, or the home where the taxpayer actually lives in the event the property is classed Agricultural. Hardship exemptions will be approved for one year only, so the taxpayer must apply annually.
7. Assets excluding the property itself shall not exceed \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand dollars) in true cash value.

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Guidelines for the Review of Applications for Property

Exemption by Reason of Poverty

1. Exemptions by reason of poverty are to be granted solely at the discretion of the Board of Review.
2. An applicant for poverty exemption must file a sworn statement annually specifying all income and expenses for the entire household and all owners of the property, whether living in the home or not.

For the year ending December 31 (Tax Day), be prepared to answer questions regarding changes in circumstances since Tax Day when posed by the Assessor and Board of Review. The sworn statement shall be on a form provided by the Township of Slagle for this purpose. The applicant will be required to appear in person or by representative before the Board of Review during its March, July or December hearings.

3. An applicant may be required to provide such documents as may support his/her sworn statement, including (but not limited to) income tax filings, bank statements, proof of employment or unemployment, statement of wages, doctor's statement, invoices, etc. The Assessor and/or Board of Review shall make such requests as needed to ascertain the financial situation of the applicant.
4. Consideration for a poverty exemption shall be given to a taxpayer's homestead only when they have proven their income is less than the Federal Poverty Income Standards for each applicable tax year.

Size of Family Unit	2024 Poverty Guidelines
1	\$15,060
2	\$20,440
3	\$25,820
4	\$31,200
5	\$36,580
6	\$41,960
7	\$47,340
8	\$52,720
For each additional person	\$5,380

5. The amount of exemption to be granted shall be up to 100%

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"Declaration of Poverty Instructions"

General Instructions:

Please type or print in ink.

Answer all questions as fully as possible. Additional information may be included on additional sheets as necessary. Supporting material should also be attached if possible. Only the information stated will be considered. Questions left unanswered will constitute an improper statement and can be cause for denial.

This declaration must be signed in the presence of a notary public or a member of the board of review. Failure to do so will constitute an improper statement.

Return this form by March 1, 2025.

Wexford County Equalization
Slagle Township Assessor
437 E Division St.
Cadillac, MI 49601

The Board of Review and Assessor will then review your statement and either approve or deny your application. Exemptions may be complete or partial. You will be notified by mail of their decision.

The statement will be incorporated as a part of the minutes of the Board of Review. As such, it will be a public document and will remain on file with the Township of Slagle permanently.

Poverty Application Asset Test

MCL 211.7u

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Full legal description of property:

Do you receive:

Old age assistance _____ Amount per month \$ _____

Aid to dependent children _____ Amount per month \$ _____

Welfare assistance _____ Amount per month \$ _____

Social security _____ Amount per month \$ _____

Retirement pension _____ Amount per month \$ _____

Retirement income _____ Amount per month \$ _____

Retirement insurance _____ Amount per month \$ _____

Are you employed? _____

If yes, state nature of work, part- or full-time, and amount received each month.

Do you own this property free and clear? _____

If not, do you have a:

Mortgage? _____ Balance owing _____

Land Contract? _____ Balance owing _____

Do you occupy this property as your primary home? _____

Are others living in the home? _____

Please give the name, age and status, if married or single, of each person living in the home.

Do boarders rent rooms or apartments in your home? _____

If so, give your annual rental income \$ _____

Do you own or have an interest in other property? If so, give location and value of each:

Location _____ Location _____

Value \$ _____ Value \$ _____

Taxes owing _____ Taxes owing _____

Do you (husband, wife or both) own any stocks, bonds, savings bonds, government bonds, securities or other investments? _____

If so, What kind? _____ How Much? _____

What kind? _____ How Much? _____

Any cash on hand? _____ How Much? _____

Do you own an automobile or truck? _____

How many? _____

Make _____ Year _____ Make _____ Year _____

Make _____ Year _____ Make _____ Year _____

Does anyone else contribute to the support of your home? _____

If so, who? _____ How much? _____

Applicant's signature _____

Subscribed and sworn to me before this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

_____ Assessor or Notary Public, _____ County, Michigan.

My commission expires:

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Assessed valuation _____ **Full or partial exemption** _____

Recommended by Supervisor _____