

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD AND RELATED TAX EXEMPTIONS
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

VC-501
R. 01/18

Permanent Florida residency required on January 1.
Application due to Property Appraiser by March 1.

County: VOLUSIA	Tax Year:	Alt. Key:	Short Parcel ID:
I am applying for homestead exemption, \$25,000 to \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Change			
Do you claim or receive tax benefits in another county, state, or country? (I.e. Homestead, School Tax Relief, Tax Rebate, Rollback, Lottery Credit, etc.) Applicant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Co-applicant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Applicant		Co-applicant/Spouse
Name			
*Social Security #			
Immigration #			
Date of Birth			
% of Ownership			
Date of Permanent Residency			
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed			
Homestead Address		Mailing Address, if different	
Legal Description		Phone	
Type of deed: _____ Date of deed: _____		Recorded: Book _____ Page _____ Inst # _____ Date: _____	
Did any applicant receive or file for exemptions last year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Previous Address:			
Please provide as much information as possible. Your county property appraiser will make the final determination.			
Proof of Residence	Applicant		Co-applicant/Spouse
Previous residency outside Florida and date terminated		date	date
FL Driver License or ID Card Number		date	date
Evidence of relinquishing driver license from other state			
Florida vehicle tag number			
Florida voter registration number (if US citizen)		date	date
Declaration of domicile, enter date		date	date
Current Employer			
Address on your last IRS return			
School location of dependent children			
Bank statement and checking account mailing address			
Proof of payment of utilities at homestead address	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you own property contiguous to this property?			
Is any portion of this property leased or rented?			
Name and address of any owners not residing on the property			

*Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. It is required by section 196.011(1) (b), Florida Statutes. The social security number will be used to verify taxpayer identity and homestead exemption information submitted to property appraisers.

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

See Page 3 for qualification and required documents.

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
- \$500 widowed \$500 blind \$500 totally and permanently disabled
- Total and permanent disability – quadriplegic
- Certain total and permanent disabilities – limited income and hemiplegic, paraplegic, wheelchair required, or legally blind
- Disabled veteran discount, 65 or older
- Veteran disabled 10% or more
- Disabled veteran confined to wheelchair, service-connected
- Service-connected totally and permanently disabled veteran or surviving spouse
- Surviving spouse of veteran who died while on active duty
- 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

Other, specify: _____

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 one year, a fine up to \$5,000, or both.

I certify all information on this form and any attached statements, schedules, etc., are true and correct to the best of my knowledge as of January 1 of this year.

Signature, applicant

Signature, co-applicant

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Signature, property appraiser or deputy

Date

Entered by

Date

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.

Contact your local property appraiser or
visit the Department of Revenue's website at <http://floridarevenue.com/property/>

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 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 the bottom of 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 two years, you may be eligible to take some of your SOH savings with you. See your property appraiser for more information.

**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	\$500		Death certificate of spouse	196.202
Blind	\$500		Florida physician, DVA*, or SSA**	196.202
Totally and Permanently Disabled	\$500	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	% 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 of at least 5 years	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	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
Department of Revenue (DR) forms are available at http://floridarevenue.com/dor/property/forms/ *DVA is the US Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor. **SSA is the Social Security Administration.				