Michigan Department of Treasury

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**Poverty Exemption Affidavit**

This form is issued under authority of Public Act 206 of 1893; MCL 211.7u.

**INSTRUCTIONS**: When completed, this document must accompany a taxpayer’s Application for Poverty Exemption filed with the supervisor or the board of review of the local unit where the property is located. MCL 211.7u provides for a whole or partial property tax exemption on the principal residence of an owner of the property by reason of poverty and the inability to contribute toward the public charges. MCL 211.7u(2)(b) requires proof of eligibility for the exemption be provided to the board of review by supplying copies of federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including property tax credit returns, or by filing an affidavit for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns for the current or preceding tax year.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, swear and affirm by my signature below that I reside in the principal residence that is the subject of this Application for Poverty Exemption and that for the current tax year and the preceding tax year, I was not required to file a federal or state income tax return.

Address of Principal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Person Making Affidavit Date

**CHECK LIST**

**2022 POVERTY EXEMPTION ATTACHMENTS**

***(Please submit copies only – not originals)***

THIS COMPLETED CHECK LIST MUST BE RETURNED

WITH THE POVERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION

Note: Provide copies of the following as proof for **all occupants living in the home** even if not contributing to household income or expenses.

­­\_\_\_\_ Timely filed and fully complete and signed Poverty Exemption Application.

\_\_\_\_ Copies of 2022 Federal Income Tax Return (or completed Poverty Exemption Affidavit if not required filing income tax returns)

\_\_\_\_ Copies of 2022 Michigan Income Tax Return (or completed Poverty Exemption Affidavit if not required filing income tax returns)

\_\_\_\_ Copy of 2022 Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit Claim (MI-1040CR)

\_\_\_\_ Copies of 2022 W-2 Forms, Social Security Statements (SSA-1099), Disability Statement or similar income verification for all household members

\_\_\_\_ Copies of statements from additional income sources including unemployment, alimony, child support, ADC, Food Stamps, etc.

\_\_\_\_ Copies of statements for checking account, savings account, certificate of deposit (CD’s), stocks, bonds, pension (IRA, 401, etc.) account or any other asset/retirement account

\_\_\_\_ Copies of valid State of Michigan Driver License or similar form of identification for all members of the household

\_\_\_\_ Copy of 2021 mortgage/equity loan payment verification showing the current loan balance and principal and interest payment amounts. If mortgage/equity loan was obtained in the last two (2) years, a copy of the mortgage application is required

\_\_\_\_ Copies of State of Michigan Registration for all vehicles in the household

\_\_\_\_ Copy of proof of property ownership (Deed, Land Contract, etc.)

\_\_\_\_ Completed Applicant Certification form

\_\_\_\_ Completed Waiver of Confidentiality form