

**APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

To complete this form, see the instructions on back of this form.

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Appraisal district name <b>Waller County</b>	Phone (Area code and number) <b>(281) 396-6100</b>
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Address  
**P O Box 887, Hempstead, TX 77445**

For appraisal district office use only Legal description:	Parcel number
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<b>Step 1: Owner's name and address (attach sheets if needed)</b>	Owner's Name (person completing application):	
	Current Mailing Address (number and street):	
	City, State, ZIP Code:	Phone (area code and number):
	Driver's License, Personal ID Certificate, or Social Security Number*:	Birth Date:
	Percent Ownership in Property:	
	Other Owner's Name(s) (if any):	Other Owner's Percent Ownership:

<b>Step 2: Describe your property</b>	Street address if different from above, or legal description if no street address; include property account number, if available (optional):	
	MOBILE HOMES - Give make, model, and identification number: <i>Attach a copy of document of title from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs if home is 8' x 40' or larger and document has not been cancelled, or attach a verified copy of the purchase contract that shows you are the owner of the mobile home.</i>	
	OPTIONAL - Number of acres used for residential purposes (yard, garden, garage, etc.): ..... acres	

<b>Step 3: Check exemptions that apply to you</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>GENERAL RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION:</b> You qualify for this exemption if (1) you owned this property on January 1; (2) you occupied it as your principal residence on January 1; and (3) you or your spouse have not claimed a residence homestead exemption on any other property.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OVER-65 EXEMPTION:</b> You qualify for this exemption if you are 65 years of age or older. This exemption also includes a school tax limitation, or ceiling. You can't claim a disability exemption if you claim this exemption. You must apply within one year of the date you acquired the home, if you were 65 or older when you acquired and occupied the home as your principal residence, or within one year of the date of your 65th birthday, if you already owned the home and turned 65 after January 1. Please check if you will transfer a tax ceiling from your last home. .... Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DISABILITY EXEMPTION:</b> You qualify for this exemption if you qualify for the general homestead exemption and on January 1 you were under a disability for the purposes of payment of disability benefits under the federal Old Age, Survivor's and Disability Insurance Act OR you met the definition of disabled in that Act. You can't claim an over-65 exemption if you claim this exemption. This exemption does NOT include a school tax limitation.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OVER-55 SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED THE OVER-65 EXEMPTION:</b> You qualify for an extension of the over-65 exemptions and the school tax limitation if (1) you were 55 years of age or older on the date your spouse died and (2) your deceased spouse was receiving the over-65 exemptions on this residence homestead or would have applied and qualified for the exemptions in the year of the spouse's death. Note: You will not receive the school tax limitation unless your spouse died on or after December 1, 1987.	
	Deceased Spouse's Name	Date of Death

<b>Step 4: Answer if applies</b>	<b>COOPERATIVE HOUSING RESIDENTS:</b> Do you have an exclusive right to occupy this unit because you own stock in a cooperative housing corporation? ..... Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Step 5: Check if late</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Application for homestead exemption for prior tax year, _____. Note: You must have met all of the qualifications checked above to receive the prior year tax exemption.
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<b>Step 6: Sign and date the application</b>	By signing this application, you state that you are qualified for the exemptions checked above. You state that the facts in this application are true and correct. You also state that you do not claim an exemption on another residence homestead. You must notify the chief appraiser if and when your right to the exemptions end. You swear or affirm that you have read and understand the penalty for filing a false statement.				
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<b>If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.</b>					

\* You are required to give us this information on this form, in order to perform tax related functions for this office. Section 11.43 of the Tax Code authorizes this office to request this information to determine tax compliance.

## APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION INSTRUCTIONS

**General, Disability, and Over-55 Surviving Spouse Residential Homestead Exemptions.** You may only apply for residence homestead exemptions on **one** property in a tax year. Fill out the other side of this application completely. To qualify for homestead exemptions, you must own and reside in your home on January 1 of the tax year. If you temporarily move away from your home, you still can qualify for an exemption if you don't establish another principal residence and you intend to return. If you have trouble filling out this form, call the appraisal district. A list of taxing units and the exemptions they offer is listed below or attached to this application.

**Over-65 Exemptions.** You may receive the over-65 homestead exemptions immediately upon qualification for the exemption(s). You must apply before the first anniversary of your qualification date to receive the exemption(s) in that tax year. For example, if you turn 65 on June 1 of the current year, you have until May 31 of the next year to apply for the current tax year's over-65 exemption(s). This special provision only applies to the over-65 exemptions and not to other exemptions for which you may apply.

**Filing Deadlines.** File this application between January 1 and no later than April 30. You may file a late homestead exemption application if you file it no later than one year after the date you paid your taxes on the homestead or the taxes became delinquent, whichever comes first. See the over-65 exemption section above for more on late filing.

**Re-filing.** If the chief appraiser grants the exemptions, you do not need to reapply annually. You must reapply, however, if the chief appraiser requires you to do so by sending you a new application asking you to reapply. You must notify the chief appraiser in writing if and when your right to any exemption ends or your qualifications change. You must reapply if you qualify for additional exemptions based on age or disability in the future.

### Step 1. Owner's name and address.

Enter the following information:

- Name of the owner completing this application.
- This owner's current mailing address and phone number.
- Driver's license number, personal identification number, or Social Security number of this owner.
- Percentage of ownership by this owner.
- This owner's birth date.
- Names of other owners and their percentage of ownership. Attach additional sheets if needed.

### Step 2. Describe the property.

Enter the information requested. Attach the mobile home title or sales contract if a mobile home. Enter, if you wish, the number of acres used for residential purposes.

### Step 3. Check exemptions that apply to you.

Complete by checking the boxes that apply. If you check the disability exemption, attach documents verifying your disability. If a surviving spouse age 55 or older, enter the information requested. The appraisal district may request documents on date of spouse's death.

### Step 4. Answer if applies.

If the property is cooperative housing, complete Step 4.

### Step 5. Check if late.

If you were eligible for an exemption last year, check the box in Step 5 for late filing and enter the prior tax year.

### Step 6. Sign and date the application.

You must sign and date this application. Making false statements on your exemption application is a criminal offense.

**(Appraisal District: list here the homestead exemptions offered by taxing units in the district or attach a page listing those exemptions; or, include the following statement: If you would like to know the homestead exemptions offered by your taxing units, call the** Waller County **Appraisal District at** (281) 396-6100 **.)**  
(name) (phone number)