

Important Points for Completing the Homestead Exemption Application!

Before you mail your application back, make sure you:

- Answer all questions
- Provide your Social Security and Driver's License numbers
- Sign where indicated
- Mail all documents required for "Other Exemptions" with the application.

Important Dates to Remember

January 1

- ◆ Date of Assessment.
- ◆ Owning and living in the home on this date.

March 1

- ◆ Exemption Application Deadline

June 1

- ◆ Applications will be accepted to pre-qualify for next year's Homestead Exemption.

August

- ◆ TRIM (Personal Property Tax) notices are mailed with assessment information. Exact date varies.

November 1

- ◆ Tax bills are mailed by the Tax Collector.

If eligible, please complete the application today and mail in the convenient pre-addressed envelope to our office for an approximate \$500 annual savings!

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Homestead Exemption

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from your Property Experts

Congratulations on the Recent Purchase of a Seminole County Home!

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Why am I receiving this information and an application?

- ◆ Our records indicate you have recently purchased a new home.
- ◆ The Seminole County Property Appraiser is pleased to offer you the convenience of filing by mail.
- ◆ To provide you a guide for completing the Homestead Exemption Application.

How will Homestead Exemption benefit me?

- ◆ Homestead Exemption reduces the taxable value of your home by \$25,000, resulting in a savings that amounts to approximately \$500 a year.
- ◆ Homestead Exemption also limits the annual increase of the taxable value of your home by no more than 3% or the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index. ("Save Our Homes" as defined in the Florida Constitution)

How Do I qualify for Homestead?

You must fill out an application and:

- ◆ The property must be your primary residence.
- ◆ You must have full title to the home (ownership)

- ◆ You cannot be claiming Homestead Exemption on any other property.
- ◆ You must be living in the home by January 1st of the year in which you are applying. You can pre-file for the NEXT year anytime after June 1st.

EXAMPLE: If you closed on your home after January 1st of this year, you did not have full title ON January 1st. That means you will NOT qualify for Homestead Exemption on your home until NEXT year and you will not see the savings until your November tax bill NEXT YEAR. You can pre-file for NEXT year anytime after June 1st.

What do I need to apply for Homestead Exemption?

- ◆ The Social Security Numbers of everyone listed on the title applying for the exemption.
- ◆ The Florida Driver's License Number of everyone (that is applying for the exemption) listed on the title that reflects the address of the property that you are seeking the exemption for.

NOTE: Call 1-866-467-3639 for the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles to change your address on your driver's license.

- ◆ A Florida ID or Seminole County Voter's Registration with the proper address, if you don't drive.
- ◆ A completed Homestead Exemption application that you have FULLY read, answered, and SIGNED at the bottom. Mail back and call our office in two weeks to confirm we received it.

NOTE: Either a husband or wife may apply if they hold the title to the property jointly. However, social security numbers for each person must be included on the application.

If title to the property is held in trust, provide a copy of the most current trust documents with the application.

Are there other types of exemptions?

On the back of the Homestead application you will see other exemptions listed. Please answer each question, attach required documentation and sign if you determine you qualify for any of the following:

- ◆ **SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION** — low income requirement - non social security income must be less than a set documented amount. Call 407-665-7506 to determine if you qualify.
- ◆ **WIDOW/WIDOWER EXEMPTION** — (not remarried or divorced) reduces TAXABLE VALUE of your home by another \$500.
- ◆ **DISABILITY EXEMPTION** — various levels of taxable reduction depending on the type of documented disability. Some exemptions have income restrictions to qualify.
- ◆ **PARENT/GRANDPARENT LIVING QUARTERS EXEMPTION** — to determine eligibility for your home, call 407-665-7506 for details.

Remember, when you apply for Homestead Exemption you are attesting that:

- You live at the property.
- You own the property.
- You are NOT claiming Homestead Exemption on any other property.

**FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS,
CALL THE SEMINOLE COUNTY PROPERTY
APPRAISER'S EXEMPTION HOTLINE
407-665-7506 or visit the website at
scpafl.org and click on "Exemptions".**