

Homestead Exemption 2026 Requirements

1. Own your home as your principal place of residence on January 1, 2026.
2. At least age 65, or totally and permanently disabled. (Proof of Disability required)
3. Ohio Modified Adjusted Gross Income in 2025 of \$41,000.00 or less.



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The Real Estate Division of the Geauga County Auditor's Office administers the Homestead Exemption Program in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §323.151, §323.152 and §323.153

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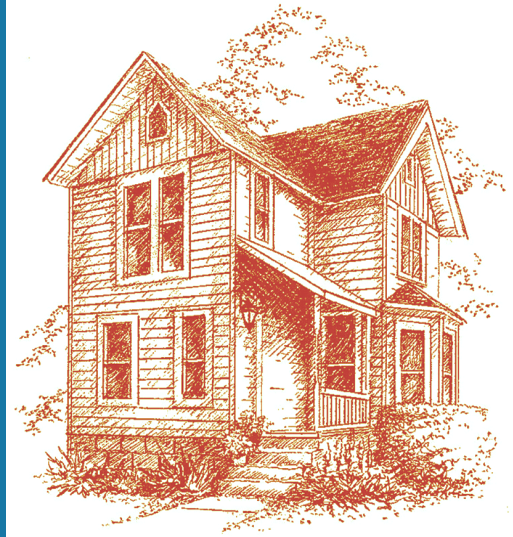
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QUALIFYING
INCOME



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Are you Disabled?

Homeowners that are certified by a physician as being permanently and totally disabled on January 1, 2026 are excluded from the age requirement, but would still need to have a qualifying income.



Veterans Disabled?

The homestead exemption provides a reduction in property taxes to qualified disabled veterans, or a surviving spouse, on the dwelling that is that individual's principal place of residence and up to one acre of land of which an eligible individual is an owner. The veteran must have a disability rating of 100% or 100% compensation based on individual unemployability for a service connected disability. The reduction is equal to the taxes that would otherwise be charged on up to \$58,000.00 of the market value of an eligible taxpayer's homestead.

New Applicants—Must Meet 2025 Income Requirement

The Ohio Legislature added an additional requirement to the Homestead Exemption Program for new qualifying applicants in 2014. There is now an income requirement based on the Ohio Adjusted Gross Income of the homeowner (and spouse).

The Modified Adjusted Gross Income for 2025 Must Not Exceed \$41,000.

2026 Qualification Requirements

The Homestead Exemption Program helps Ohioans age 65 and older (or totally and permanently disabled) that own their home as their principal place of residence with assistance on their real estate tax bill. The local political subdivisions are reimbursed by the State for any savings provided to the homeowner. The Homestead Exemption Program can result in significant savings on your property tax bill. The savings is calculated on \$29,000 of taxable value (limited to the home site) and varies by taxing district. To qualify, homeowners must be (1) at least 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled, (2) Own their home as their principal place of residence, and (3) have an adjusted gross 2025 income that does not exceed \$41,000

Current Applicants:

If you are currently receiving the Homestead Exemption based on a 2013 and prior application, **you do not have to meet the 2025 income requirements and will remain on the program. You may have to file a DTE 105G with your application**

Homestead Exemption 2025 Tax Year Savings

Maximum	\$ 659.80
Average	\$ 518.17
Minimum	\$ 376.54