

## Wilson Township Poverty Guidelines

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF WILSON TOWNSHIP, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1. Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence, the property for which an exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with the Supervisor or Board of Review after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of March, July or December Wilson Township Board of Review. The request shall be on a form provided by the Wilson Township Assessor. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the March Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
3. Provide federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns. These income tax returns shall include those filed in the current year or in the immediately preceding year. An affidavit may be filed for all persons residing who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns in the current year or in the immediately preceding year.
4. Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
5. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
6. Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
7. The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of March, July or December Wilson Township Board of Review
8. Make available asset information for all persons residing in the homestead. Assets to be considered are cash, fixed assets, or other property that could be used, or converted to cash for use in the payment of property taxes. This information shall allow the township to calculate a maximum amount permitted for each applicant and all other assets above that amount shall be considered as available to pay taxes.
9. Any applicant who has assets in excess of five (5) times their annual gross income from all sources shall be entitled to a poverty exemption of 0%

10. Fixed assets to be considered are, but not limited to, land, buildings other than the principal residence, motor vehicles, furniture, electronic equipment, jewelry, antiques, art work. (This is not an exhaustive list.)
11. Land assets also include any land which the principal residents is located, which exceeds a maximum of 5 acres.
12. The township may take into consideration medical expenses for the purpose of establishing income during their deliberations.
13. According to PA 104 of 2003, Eff. January 1, 2004, the poverty exemption only applies to an individual homeowner for his/her "principal residence." As used in MCL 211.7u, "principal residence" means a principal residence or a qualified agricultural property as defined by MCL 211.7dd.

**Federal Poverty Guidelines Used in the Determination of  
Poverty Exemptions for 2017**

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$ 12,700
2	\$ 16,240
3	\$ 20,420
4	\$ 24,600
5	\$ 28,780
6	\$ 32,960
7	\$ 37,140
8	\$ 41,320

For each additional person \$5,165