

# Dorchester Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program Requirements



## Need

- \*Demonstrate a need for an affordable and decent home.
- \*Gross household income must be within 35-80% of Dorchester County’s Area Median Income (AMI).

2022 MEDIAN INCOME GUIDELINES

[WWW.SHA.STATE.SC.US](http://WWW.SHA.STATE.SC.US)

AMI as of April 2022 = \$96,400

HUD HOME Program and the South Carolina Housing Trust Fund  
Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)

Family Size	Minimum Income Annually	Minimum Income Monthly	Maximum Income Annually	Maximum Income Monthly
1	\$22,509	\$1,876	\$51,450	\$4,288
2	\$25,725	\$2,144	\$58,800	\$4,900
3	\$28,941	\$2,412	\$66,150	\$5,513
4	\$32,134	\$2,678	\$73,450	\$6,121
5	\$34,716	\$2,893	\$79,350	\$6,613

## Ability to Pay

- \*Ability to pay a small, interest-free mortgage.
- \*Steady source of income.
- \*Established and good credit and payment history.
- \*Housing Expenses-to-Income Ratio maintained at or below 32%.
- \*Debt-to-Income (Long Term Debt) Ratio maintained at or below 40%.

## Partnership

- \*Willing to partner with Dorchester Habitat for Humanity by working at least 425 hours of Sweat-Equity. Includes working at least 120 hours building your own home and other families’ homes.
- \*Make a \$2,500 down payment of closing costs toward the purchase of your home.
- \*Complete financial and homebuyer education and coaching.
- \*Demonstrate initiative and enthusiasm, proving that you want a Habitat home and are willing to work for it.

## Residency

- \*Be a citizen of the United States or a legal permanent resident.
- \*Work and/or live in Dorchester County and have done so for the 12 months immediately before submitting your Application.



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## Homeownership Program Application Checklist

### Check Before Submitting Your Application:

- All sections are completed and filled in
- Address is complete with street address, apartment no., town, and zip code
- Phone number is where you can be reached and is working
- Writing is legible
- All of the people who will be living in the Habitat home are listed
- Last page is signed and dated by all applicants

**Submit COPIES of the following documents with your Application** (the documents will NOT be returned to you). Dorchester Habitat for Humanity CANNOT make copies for you.

- Proof of Income
  - Pay Stubs - most recent 3
  - Award Letter (for social security and/or disability income)
  - Court Order for Child Support AND Child Support Payment History - last 10 days
  - Final Divorce Decree or Legal Separation Agreement
- Tri-Bureau Credit Report – last 30 days
- Income Tax Returns – 2018 and 2019 (2020 if available)
- Rent
  - Lease Agreement
  - Account History for Rent Payments (landlord/management company receipt or account history) - most recent 6 months
- Utility Statements (water, sewer, electricity) - most recent 3 months
- Bank Statements - most recent 3 months
- Credit Card Statements - most recent
- Loan Statements (student, finance, car, pay day, title, any other loans) - most recent
- Cell Phone or Land Line Phone Statements - most recent
- Cable & Internet Statements - most recent
- Car Insurance Statements – most recent



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# Application

## Habitat Homeownership Program



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**Dear Applicant:** Please complete this application to determine if you qualify for the Habitat for Humanity homeownership program. Please fill out the application as completely and accurately as possible. All information you include on this application will be kept confidential in accordance with the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

### 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant				Co-applicant					
Applicant's name				Co-applicant's name					
Social Security number		Home phone		Age					
_____		_____		_____		_____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried (Incl. single, divorced, widowed)				<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried (Incl. single, divorced, widowed)					
<b>Dependents</b> and others who will live with you (not listed by co-applicant)				<b>Dependents</b> and others who will live with you (not listed by co-applicant)					
Name		Age	Male	Female	Name		Age	Male	Female
_____		_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____		_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Present address (street, city, state, ZIP code)			<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent	Present address (street, city, state, ZIP code)			<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent		
Number of years _____				Number of years _____					
<b>If you have lived at your present address for less than two years, complete the following:</b>									
Last address (street, city, state, ZIP code)			<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent	Last address (street, city, state, ZIP code)			<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent		
Number of years _____				Number of years _____					

### 2. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY — DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of selection committee approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of notice of incomplete application letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of board approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of adverse action letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of partnership agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER

To be considered for Habitat homeownership, you and your family must be willing to complete a certain number of "sweat-equity" hours. Your help in building your home and the homes of others is called "sweat equity" and may include clearing the lot, painting, helping with construction, working in the Habitat office, attending homeownership classes or other approved activities.

#### I AM WILLING TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED SWEAT-EQUITY HOURS:

	Yes	No
Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 4. PRESENT HOUSING CONDITIONS

Number of bedrooms (please circle)      1      2      3      4      5

Other rooms in the place where you are currently living:

- Kitchen       Bathroom       Living room       Dining room  
 Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent your residence, what is your monthly rent payment? \$ \_\_\_\_\_/month

(Please supply a copy of your lease or a copy of a money order receipt or canceled rent check.)

Name, address and phone number of current landlord:

In the space below, describe the condition of the house or apartment where you live. Why do you need a Habitat home?

### 5. PROPERTY INFORMATION

If you own your residence, what is your monthly mortgage payment? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / month    Unpaid balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own land?                       No     Yes    Monthly payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_                      Unpaid balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish your property to be considered for building your Habitat home, please attach land documentation.

### 6. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Applicant		Co-applicant	
Name and address of <b>CURRENT</b> employer	Years on the job	Name and address of <b>CURRENT</b> employer	Years on the job
	Monthly (gross) wages \$		Monthly (gross) wages \$
Type of business	Business phone	Type of business	Business phone
<b>If working at current job less than one year, complete the following information:</b>			
Name and address of <b>LAST</b> employer	Years on the job	Name and address of <b>LAST</b> employer	Years on the job
	Monthly (gross) wages \$		Monthly (gross) wages \$
Type of business	Business phone	Type of business	Business phone



## 10. DEBT

Account	TO WHOM DO YOU AND THE CO-APPLICANT(S) OWE MONEY?					
	APPLICANT			CO-APPLICANT		
	Monthly payment	Unpaid balance	Months left to pay	Monthly payment	Unpaid balance	Months left to pay
Other motor vehicle	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Boat	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Furniture, appliances, TVs (includes rent-to-own)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Alimony	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child support	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Credit card	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Credit card	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Credit card	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total medical	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

MONTHLY EXPENSES			
Account	Applicant	Co-applicant	Total
Rent	\$	\$	\$
Utilities	\$	\$	\$
Insurance	\$	\$	\$
Child care	\$	\$	\$
Internet service	\$	\$	\$
Cell phone	\$	\$	\$
Land line	\$	\$	\$
Business expenses	\$	\$	\$
Union dues	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

## 11. DECLARATIONS

Please check the box beside the word that best answers the following questions for you and the co-applicant:

	Applicant	Co-applicant
a. Do you have any outstanding judgments because of a court decision against you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Have you been declared bankrupt within the past seven years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Have you had property foreclosed on or deed in lieu of foreclosure in the past seven years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d. Are you currently involved in a lawsuit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e. Have you directly or indirectly been obligated on any loan which resulted in foreclosure, transfer of title in lieu of foreclosure, or judgment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
f. Are you currently delinquent or in default on any federal debt or any other loan, mortgage financial obligation or loan guarantee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
g. Are you paying alimony or child support or separate maintenance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
h. Are you a co-signer or endorser on any loan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
i. Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If you answered "yes" to any question a through h, or "no" to question i, please explain on a separate piece of paper.

## 12. AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I understand that by filing this application, I am authorizing Dorchester Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to evaluate my actual need for the Habitat homeownership program, my ability to repay an affordable loan and other expenses of homeownership, and my willingness to be a partner through sweat equity.

I understand that the evaluation will include personal visits, a credit check and employment verification. I have answered all the questions on this application truthfully. I understand that if I have not answered the questions truthfully, my application may be denied, and that even if I have already been selected to receive a Habitat home, I may be disqualified from the program and forfeit any rights or claims to a Habitat home. The original or a copy of this application will be retained by Dorchester Habitat for Humanity, Inc. even if the application is not approved.

I also understand that Dorchester Habitat for Humanity, Inc. screens all applicants on the sex offender registry. By completing this application, I am submitting myself to such an inquiry. I further understand that by completing this application, I am submitting myself to a criminal background check.

Applicant signature

Date

Co-applicant signature

Date

X \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** If more space is needed to complete any part of this application, please use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. Please mark your additional comments with "A" for applicant or "C" for co-applicant.

## 13. RIGHT TO RECEIVE COPY OF APPRAISAL

This is to notify you that we may order an appraisal in connection with your loan and we may charge you for this appraisal. Upon completion of the appraisal, we will promptly provide a copy to you, even if the loan does not close.

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

## 14. INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENT MONITORING PURPOSES

**PLEASE READ THIS STATEMENT BEFORE COMPLETING THE BOX BELOW:** We are requesting the following information to monitor our compliance with the federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act, which prohibits unlawful discrimination. You are not required to provide this information. We will not take this information (or your decision not to provide this information) into account in connection with your application or credit transaction. The law provides that a creditor may not discriminate based on this information, or based on whether or not you choose to provide it. If you choose not to provide the information, we may note it by visual observation or surname

Applicant	Co-applicant
<p><input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to furnish this information</p> <p><b>Race</b> (applicant may select more than one racial designation):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black/African-American</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asian</p> <p><b>Ethnicity:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino    <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic or Latino</p> <p><b>Sex:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Female                      <input type="checkbox"/> Male</p> <p><b>Birthdate:</b> _____ / _____ / _____</p> <p><b>Marital status:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Married</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Separated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried (single, divorced, widowed)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to furnish this information</p> <p><b>Race</b> (applicant may select more than one racial designation):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black/African-American</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asian</p> <p><b>Ethnicity:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino    <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic or Latino</p> <p><b>Sex:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Female                      <input type="checkbox"/> Male</p> <p><b>Birthdate:</b> _____ / _____ / _____</p> <p><b>Marital status:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Married</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Separated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried (single, divorced, widowed)</p>

To be completed only by the person conducting the interview	
<p>This application was taken by:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Face-to-face interview</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> By mail</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> By telephone</p>	<p>Interviewer's name (print or type)</p> <hr/> <p>Interviewer's signature <span style="float: right;">Date</span></p> <hr/> <p>Interviewer's phone number</p>



## EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY ACT NOTICE

The Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits creditors from discriminating against credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or age (provided the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract); because all or part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program; or because the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. The federal agency that monitors compliance with this law concerning this company is the Federal Trade Commission, with offices at the **Southeast Region, 225 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 1500, Atlanta GA 30303**, or Federal Trade Commission, Equal Credit Opportunity, Washington, DC 20580.

You need not disclose income from alimony, child support or separate maintenance payment if you choose not to do so. However, because we operate a Special Purpose Credit Program, we may request and require, in order to determine an applicant's eligibility for the program and the affordable mortgage amount, information regarding the applicant's marital status; alimony, child support and separate maintenance income; and the spouse's financial resources.

Accordingly, if you receive income from these sources and do not provide this information with your application, your application will be considered incomplete, and we will be unable to invite you to participate in the Habitat program.

### Applicant(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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## Applications Available

[www.dorchesterhabitat.org](http://www.dorchesterhabitat.org)

Office/ReStore 101 Greyback Road Summerville

Completed Applications Accepted by  
Mailing To:

PO Box 1685 Summerville SC 29484

Dropping Off at:

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