

APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: This application is for use in claiming general homestead exemptions pursuant to Tax Code §11.13, §11.131, and §11.432. The exemptions apply to your residence homestead that you own and occupy as your principal residence. You must furnish all information and documentation required by the application. Cameron Appraisal District uses your and your spouse's Texas Driver's License or Texas Personal ID (if not a licensed driver) as proof of residence.

WHERE TO FILE: File the completed application and all required documents with the appraisal district for the county in which the property is located.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: For homestead exemptions other than the age 65 and over or disabled person homestead exemptions provided in Tax Code §11.13(c) and (d), you must file the completed application with all required documentation between January 1 and no later than April 30 of the year for which you are requesting an exemption. If you qualify for an age 65 and over homestead exemption provided in Tax Code §11.13(c) or (d), you must apply for the exemption no later than the first anniversary of the date you qualify for the exemption. If you qualify for a disabled person homestead exemption provided in Tax Code §11.13(c) or (d), you must apply for the exemption no later than the first anniversary of the date you qualify for the exemption. Pursuant to Tax Code §11.431, you may file a late application for a residence homestead exemption, including a 100% disabled veteran residence homestead exemption, after the deadline for filing has passed if it is filed not later than one year after the delinquency date for the taxes on the homestead.

WHEN NEW APPLICATION REQUIRED: Pursuant to Tax Code §11.43(c), if the chief appraiser grants your exemption(s), you do not need to reapply annually. However, the chief appraiser may require you to file a new application to confirm your current qualification for the exemption(s) by delivering to you a written notice that a new application is required, accompanied by an appropriate application form. Also, for most exemptions, you must file a new application to claim an exemption that you qualify for in the future if you do not currently qualify.

DUTY TO NOTIFY: You have a duty to notify the chief appraiser when your entitlement to any exemption ends.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pursuant to Tax Code §11.45, after considering this application and all relevant information, the chief appraiser may request additional information from you. You must provide the additional information within 30 days of the request or the application is denied. For good cause shown, the chief appraiser may extend the deadline for furnishing the additional information by written order for a single period not to exceed 15 days.

CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT REQUIRES THIS INFORMATION FROM APPLICANT & SPOUSE

Include with ALL applications:

- 1) a copy of the applicant's driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate; **and**
- 2) Applicant must sign and affirm that no other Homestead is claimed in or outside of Texas.

(NOTE: Incomplete applications will be returned to applicant for compliance.)

Include with applications that include a request for an AGE 65 OR OLDER OR DISABLED exemption:

In addition to the information identified above, an applicant for an age 65 or older or disabled exemption who is not specifically identified on a deed or other instrument recorded in the applicable real property records as an owner of the residence homestead must provide an affidavit or other compelling evidence establishing the applicant's ownership of an interest in the homestead.