

RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION

THERE IS NO FEE TO FILE THIS APPLICATION

COLLIN CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

250 W Eldorado Pkwy McKinney, TX 75069

Metro 469-742-9200 866-467-1110 www.collincad.org TAX YEAR 2008

Please Return to:

LEGAL DESC:

PID:
GEO #

Address of Property you are applying for:		
Phone #	Driver's License, Personal ID Cert. or Social Security Number*	Birth Date**

NOTE: For a list of taxing units, exemptions and tax limitations offered, visit www.collincad.org or call the Appraisal District.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. ___yes ___no Do you occupy the property as your primary residence?

2. ___yes ___no Is any portion of this property rental property or for business purposes? If so, approximate square footage _____
If the entire property is being rented on a temporary basis, please explain the reasons the property is temporarily rented.

3. ___yes ___no Is your mailing address different from the property address? If yes, please explain:

4. ___yes ___no Are you claiming a homestead exemption on another property? If yes, give the address of the other property:

(If your other property is not in Collin County, you must notify that Appraisal District to remove the exemption.)

5. ___yes ___no Is this property owned by more than one person, other than your spouse? If yes and the other owners do not live there, provide their names and mailing addresses and percentage of ownership.

6. ___yes ___no Is this exemption for a mobile home? If yes, **you must attach a copy of statement of ownership and location/title from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs or a verified copy of the purchase contract that shows you as the owner.**
Give: Make: _____ Model: _____ ID #: _____

7. ___yes ___no Is this a cooperative housing unit? If yes, do you have an exclusive right to occupy the unit because you own stock in a cooperative housing corporation?

Optional: Number of acres used for residential purposes (yard, garden, garage, etc.): _____

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX BY THE EXEMPTION(S) THAT APPLY TO YOU:

GENERAL RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION: DATE MOVED IN _____ You qualify for this exemption if (1) you owned this property on January 1; (2) you occupied it as your principal residence on January 1; and (3) you or your spouse have not claimed residence homestead exemption on any other property.

DISABILITY EXEMPTION You qualify for this exemption if you were under a disability for the purposes of payment of disability benefits under the Federal Old Age, Survivor's and Disability Insurance Act OR you met the definition of disabled in that Act. You can't claim an Over-65 exemption if you claim this exemption. See the backside for information about tax limitations or qualification dates. **(You must furnish a letter from Social Security or verification from your physician stating that you are disabled and that you are unable to return to work.)** *Contact our office for a Disabled Veteran form.*

Please check if you had a disability tax ceiling (freeze) from your last home in Texas. If checked, in what county did you reside? _____

OVER-65 EXEMPTION You qualify for this exemption if you are 65 years of age or older. You can't claim a disability exemption if you claim this exemption. See the backside for information about tax limitations or qualification dates. **(Please furnish a copy of either a current Driver's License or Birth Certificate.)**

Please check if you had an over-65 tax ceiling (freeze) from your last home in Texas. If checked, in what county did you reside? _____

OVER-55 SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED THE OVER-65 EXEMPTION: You qualify for an extension of this exemption if (1) you are 55 years of age or older on the date your spouse died and (2) your deceased spouse was receiving the over-65 exemptions on this residence homestead or would have applied and qualified for the exemption in the year of the spouse's death. See the backside for information about tax limitations or qualification dates. **(Please furnish a copy of either a current Driver's License or Birth Certificate and a copy of the Death Certificate of the deceased.)**

Deceased Spouse's Name: _____ Date of Death: _____

Please check if you had a tax ceiling (freeze) from your last home in Texas. If checked, in what county did you reside? _____

LATE FILING FOR PRIOR YEAR: If you were eligible for an exemption last year, check the box. See the back side for information about late filing.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED: By signing this application, you state that you are qualified for the exemptions checked above. You state that the facts in this application are true and correct. If the Chief Appraiser approves your exemption, you do not have to reapply annually. However, if the Chief Appraiser requires you to do so, by sending you a new application, you must reapply. You must notify the Chief Appraiser in writing, if and when your right to any exemption ends or your qualifications change. You swear or affirm that you have read and understand the penalty for filing a false statement. (*You are required to give us this information on this form, in order to perform tax related functions for this office. Section 11.43 of the Tax Code authorizes this office to request this information to determine tax compliance. The Chief appraiser is required to keep the information confidential and not open to public inspection, except to appraisal office employees who appraise property and as authorized by Section 11.48(b), Tax Code.) **Tax Code Section 11.43(m) allows a person who qualifies for a general homestead exemption to receive the 65 or older person exemption without applying when he/she becomes age 65 as shown on the application in the appraisal district's records.

Print Owners Names:	Date
Owners Sign Here:	Please return to the Appraisal District at the address above. *****Please Do Not Fax*****

If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a State jail felony Under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.

APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS INSTRUCTIONS

General Residential Homestead Exemptions. You may only apply for residence homestead exemptions on one property in a tax year. Fill out the other side of this application completely. To qualify for homestead exemptions, you must own and reside in your home on January 1 of the tax year. If you temporarily move away from your home, you still can qualify for an exemption if you do not establish another principal residence and you intend to return in a period of less than two years. Homeowners in military service or in a facility providing services related to health, infirmity or aging may exceed the two-year period. If you have trouble filling out this form, call the appraisal district.

Over-65 or Disability Exemptions. You may receive over-65 or disability homestead exemptions immediately upon qualification for the exemptions(s). If you have not provided your birthdate on this application, you must apply before the first anniversary of your qualification date to receive the exemptions(s) in that tax year. For example, if you turn 65 or are disabled on June 1 of the current year, you have until May 31 of the next year to apply for the current tax year's over-65 or disability exemption(s). This special provision only applies to over-65 or disability exemptions and not to other exemptions for which you may apply.

Tax Limitations. The over-65 or disability exemption for school taxes includes a school tax limitation, or ceiling. Other types of taxing units – county, city, or junior college – have the option to grant a tax limitation on homesteads of homeowners disabled or 65 years of age or older. You may transfer the same percentage of school taxes paid to another qualified homestead in the state. If the county, city or junior college grants the limitation, you may transfer the same percentage of taxes paid to another qualified homestead within that same taxing unit.

Surviving Spouse Age 55 or Older. *Over-65:* You qualify for an extension of this exemption if (1) you are 55 years of age or older on the date your spouse died and (2) your deceased spouse was receiving the over-65 exemptions on this residence homestead or would have applied and qualified for the exemption in the year of the spouse's death. You will not receive the school tax limitation for the over-65 exemption unless your spouse died on or after December 1, 1987. *Disabled:* You will not qualify for a disability exemption claimed by your deceased spouse. You are not entitled to continue the school tax limitation; however, you will be entitled to continue the local option county, city, or junior college limitation

Filing Deadlines. File this application between January 1 and no later than April 30. You may file a late homestead exemption application if you file it no later than one year after the date taxes become delinquent. See the over-65 or disability exemptions section above for more on late filing.

Re-filing. If the chief appraiser grants the exemptions, you do not need to reapply annually. You must reapply, however, if the chief appraiser requires you to do so by sending you a new application asking you to reapply. You must notify the chief appraiser in writing if and when your right to any exemption ends or your qualifications change. You must reapply if you qualify for additional exemptions based on age or disability in the future.

If you would like to know the homestead exemptions offered by your taxing units, call the Collin Central Appraisal District at 469-742-9200.

Step 1. Owner's name and address. Enter the following information:

- This owner's current mailing address and phone number (if different than on the form).
- Address of property you are applying for.
- Driver's license number, personal identification number, or Social Security number of this owner (kept confidential).
- This owner's birth date.

Please respond to questions 1 through 7

Step 2. Check exemptions that apply to you. Complete by checking the boxes that apply. If you check the disability exemption, attach documents verifying your disability. If a surviving spouse age 55 or older, enter the information requested. The appraisal district may request documents on date of spouse's death.

Step 3. Check if late. If you were eligible for an exemption last year, check the box next to "Late Filing For prior year" and enter the prior tax year you are applying for.

Step 4. Sign and date the application. You must sign and date this application. Making false statements on your exemption application is a criminal offense.