

OFFICE USE ONLY

CR-H

Applicant Name _____

Assessment Year _____

Assessor or Representative's Signature _____

Date _____

Type of Application

- Owner Occupied
- Relative/Residential
- Relative/Agricultural

Determination

- Approved
- Denied

Mail completed application to: Goodhue County Assessor's Office, 509 West 5th St. Room 206 Red Wing, Mn. 55066 Phone: 651-385-3040

Homestead Application

Applications are due to your assessor's office by December 15. Please read all instructions before completing this application. **NOTE:** Each applicant must complete a separate form to apply for homestead (see Section 2 for married couple applicant instructions). **Please fill out all section(s) that apply to you.**

Section 1: Property Information	You MUST complete this section. Please provide the following information on the property for which you are claiming homestead.			
	Address of Property _____			Is the property owned by a trust? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Property ID Number (Found on the Property Tax Statement) _____			
	City _____	State _____	ZIP Code _____	County _____
	Date Purchased _____		Date Property was Occupied by Applicant(s) _____	

EACH occupant and/or married couple applying for homestead must complete this section. You certify you and your spouse, if married, are a Minnesota resident, and occupy the property described above as your primary place of residence. Married couples must provide both Social Security numbers, even if one of the spouses does not occupy the property. You also certify that the information you provide is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

OWNERS WHO OCCUPY THE PROPERTY AS THEIR PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

Section 2: Owner's Who Occupy	Owner First Name and Initial _____		Owner Last Name _____	Social Security Number/ITIN _____
	Are you listed as an owner on the deed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Owner's Previous Address _____		Daytime Phone _____	
	City _____	State _____	ZIP Code _____	County _____
	Date Vacated _____	Check One: Did you claim homestead at your previous address? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Owner's Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Legally Separated Widow

If married, does your spouse occupy the property? Yes No

Date & Signature

Section 3: Owner's Who Occupy	Owner First Name and Initial _____		Owner Last Name _____	Social Security Number/ITIN _____
	Previous Address _____		Daytime Phone _____	
	City _____	State _____	ZIP Code _____	County _____
	Date Vacated _____	Check One: Did you claim homestead at your previous address? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Owner's Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Legally Separated Widow

If married, does your spouse occupy the property? Yes No

Date & Signature

Complete Section 4A to apply for residential homestead OR Section 4B to apply for agricultural homestead. NOTE: If you are not sure whether you qualify for agricultural homestead, please contact the assessor's office.

Section 4: Homestead Application

SECTION 4A: RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD APPLICATION

OR

SECTION 4B: AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD APPLICATION

Are you applying for residential homestead? Yes No
 Is your spouse applying for residential homestead at this property as well?(If applicable) Yes No
 Are you listed as an owner on the deed? Yes No
 If you are not an owner, are you a qualifying relative of an owner?¹ Yes No

Are you applying for agricultural homestead? Yes No
 If yes, do you or your spouse claim another agricultural homestead? Yes No
 Is your spouse applying for agricultural homestead at this property as well? (If applicable) Yes No
 If you are not an owner, are you qualifying relative of an owner?² Yes No
 If you are a qualifying relative, does your family have any other agricultural relative homesteads in Minnesota for your family? Yes No

Section 5: Relatives who occupies the property

RELATIVE WHO OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY.

My/our occupancy of this property began on _____ Phone number _____

Last, first and middle name of qualifying relative	Social Security #	Signature and Date
Last, first and middle name of qualifying relative	Social Security #	Signature and Date

OWNERS WHOSE QUALIFYING RELATIVE OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY AS PRIMARY RESIDENCE

Section 6: Relative Homestead

Name	Street Address	City or Town and State
Social Security Number	Relationship to Occupant	Owner's Signature
		Daytime Phone
Name	Street Address	City or Town and State
Social Security Number	Relationship to Occupant	Owner's Signature
		Daytime Phone

Section 7: Non-Homestead

OWNERS WHO DO NOT OCCUPY THE PROPERTY

Last, first and middle name	Street address	City or Town and State
Daytime phone	Date	Date Vacated
Evening Phone	Email	Rental? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Complete appropriate sections on both sides and mail this completed application and all required attachments to your assessor.

¹For residential homestead, qualifying relatives include: parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the owner, by blood or marriage.

²For agricultural homesteads qualifying relatives include: grandchild, child, sibling, or parent of the owner of the agricultural property or the spouse of the owner.

Form CR-H Instructions

Who is eligible for Homestead?

If you own and occupy your own property, you may be eligible to receive residential or agricultural homestead treatment. Homestead classification makes your property eligible for a reduced classification rate, and/or a reduced taxable value, or may make you eligible for a Property Tax Refund or to enroll in other programs.

You must own the property and occupy it as your primary residence by no later than December 1 of the current year to receive homestead for taxes payable next year.

How to apply

To apply for the owner occupied homestead classification for your residence, you must fill out this application. To qualify for the homestead classification, you must (All three must apply)

1. Be one of the owners of the property listed on the application.
2. Occupy the property listed on the application as your primary residence.
3. Be a Minnesota resident.

To apply for the residential relative homestead classification, you must fill out this application. To qualify for the homestead classification, you must (All three must apply)

1. Occupy the property listed on this application as your primary residence.
2. Be a qualifying relative to one of the owners of the property listed on the application. The relative may be the owner's parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece. This relationship may be either by blood or by marriage.
3. Be a Minnesota resident.

Your county assessor will determine if you are a Minnesota resident for homestead purposes. Some of the conditions that may be used to determine your residency status include:

- ◆ Are you registered to vote in Minnesota?
- ◆ Do you have a valid Minnesota driver's license?
- ◆ Do you file a Minnesota income tax return?
- ◆ Do you list property in Minnesota as your permanent mailing address?
- ◆ Do your children, if any, attend school in Minnesota?
- ◆ Are you a resident of any other state or country?

Application deadline

The homestead application must be turned into the county assessor's office by December 15 to be eligible for the homestead classification for taxes payable in the following year.

Required information

Minnesota Statutes, section 273.124, subdivision 13 requires Social Security numbers and signatures of all owners occupying the property and each owner's spouse that occupies the property to be listed on the application.

Additionally, each owner's spouse who occupies the property also must be listed on the homestead application even if the owner's spouse is not listed as an owner on the deed of record.

If there is not enough space on the application for all required signatures and Social Security numbers, please use an extra sheet and include it with the application.

How we use information

The Social Security numbers or affidavits or other proofs of property owners and spouses are private data. Minnesota Statutes, section 273.124, subdivision 13, authorizes the collection of Social Security numbers and signatures of all applicants, including spouses, on homestead application.

The county assessor may share the information contained on this form with the county auditor, county treasurer, county attorney, Commissioner of Revenue, or other federal, state or local taxing authorities to verify your compliance with this and other tax programs.

You can refuse to provide the information of the form. However, failure to provide this information may result in a fractional homestead or denial of the homestead classification.

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Penalties

Making false statements on this application if against the law. Minnesota Statutes, section 609.41 states that anyone giving false information in order to avoid or reduce their tax obligations is subject to a fine of up to \$3,000 and/or up to one year in prison.

In addition, the property owner may be required to pay all tax which is due on the property based on its correct property class, plus a penalty equal to the same amount. (Minnesota Statutes, section 273.124, subdivision 13, paragraph h) **Renewing your homestead classification** If this property is granted the homestead classification, it is not necessary for you to reapply for the classification. However, at any time, the county assessor may require you to provide an additional application or other proof deemed necessary to verify that you continue to qualify for the homestead classification.

If you sell, move or change your marital status

If this property is sold, you or your spouse changes your primary residence, or you change your marital status, state law requires you to notify the county assessor within 30 days.

If you fail to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change, the property may be assessed the tax that is due on the property based on its correct property class plus a penalty equal to the same amount.

Questions?

If you have questions about homestead or how to complete this form:

- Contact the Goodhue County Assessor's office: 651-385-3040
- Go to the Department of Revenue website at www.revenue.state.mn.us and type Homestead in the Search box