

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Donna Ash, Clerk

I, Donna Ash, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Bennington Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on January 4, 2016, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

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Poverty Guidelines

Eligibility requirements of Bennington Township, Shiawassee County

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

1. Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
3. Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
4. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
5. Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
6. The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.
7. Comply with any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the Township board.

If asset levels exceed the items/amounts below, the individual/property owner shall not be eligible for a Property Tax Poverty Exemption.

1. The homestead being claimed and personal property used in connection with the use and occupancy of the homestead.
2. All other assets up to a cumulative dollar value of \$25,000

The following are the federal poverty income standards, which the United States Office of Management and Budget recommends that federal departments and agencies use. The standards are actually compiled and published by the Bureau of the Census, which refers to them as "poverty thresholds."

The governing body of the local assessing unit has the option of considering the age of the resident(s) when establishing their guidelines. This provision applies only when one or two persons reside in the homestead, because there are no age-related thresholds for three or more persons in the homestead.

Federal Poverty Income Standards for 2016 Assessments

The following are the federal poverty income standards as of 10/12/2015 for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2016 assessments.

Size of Family Unit Poverty Guidelines

- 1- \$11,770
- 2- \$15,930
- 3- \$20,090
- 4- \$24,250
- 5- \$28,410
- 6- \$32,570
- 7- \$36,730
- 8- \$40,890

For each additional person, add \$4,160