

**APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR 2012**

Property ID: **374791**      Property Type: **Real**      Geo ID: 73-8120-0040-0000-01  
 Legal Description: **\*TEST ACCT\* ABST 2- BOWIE KINDIG LOT 2 BLK 4 PTS20, 1.0000 ACRES**

**Step 1: Owner's name and address (attach sheets if needed)**      Telephone: **9563999322**

Change Address      Birth Date\*\*:  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 No \_\_\_\_\_      Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
    Spouse's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State the year for which you are seeking exemption(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Percent Ownership in Property: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Owner's Name(s) (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Other Owner's Percent Ownership: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Driver's License Number, Personal ID Certificate, or Social Security Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupancy Move-In Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2: Describe your property**  
 Give street address if different from above, or legal description if no street address. If different, please explain.  
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**Include with applications for MANUFACTURED HOMES:**  
 For a manufactured home to qualify for a residence homestead, applicant must **ALSO** include:  
 1) a copy of the statement of ownership and location for the manufactured home issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs showing that the applicant is the owner of the manufactured home;  
 2) a copy of the purchase contract or payment receipt showing that the applicant is the purchaser of the manufactured; **or**  
 3) a sworn affidavit by the applicant indicating that:  
     a) the applicant is the owner of the manufactured home;  
     b) the seller of the manufactured home did not provide the applicant with a purchase contract; **and**  
     c) the applicant could not locate the seller after making a good faith effort.

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Identification #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OPTIONAL - Number of acres used for residential purposes (yard, garden, garage, etc. ) \_\_\_\_\_ Acres

**Step 3: Check exemptions that apply to you**

**GENERAL RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION:** You may qualify for this exemption if (1) you owned this property on Jan 1; (2) you occupied it as your principle residence on Jan 1; and (3) you or your spouse have not claimed a residence homestead exemption on any other property.

**AGE 65 OR OLDER EXEMPTION:** You may qualify for this exemption if you are 65 years of age or older. You cannot claim a disability exemption if you claim this exemption. See Instructions for more information about tax limitations or qualification dates.  
 Check if you will transfer a tax ceiling from your last home .....Yes [ ] No [ ]

**DISABILITY EXEMPTION:** You may qualify for this exemption if you are/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 age 65 or older exemption if you claim this exemption. See Instructions for more information about tax limitations or qualification dates.  
 Check if you will transfer a tax ceiling from your last home .....Yes [ ] No [ ]

**100% DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION:** You may qualify for this exemption if you are a disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or its successor (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability; and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployability from the VA. Attach a copy of your award letter or other document from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

**AGE 55 OR OLDER SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED THE AGE 65 OR OLDER EXEMPTION:** You may 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 age 65 or older exemption on this residence homestead or would have applied and qualified for the exemption in the year of the spouse's death. See Instructions for more information about tax limitations or qualification dates.  
 Deceased Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check if you will transfer a tax ceiling from your last home .....Yes [ ] No [ ]

**SURVIVING SPOUSE OF DISABLED VETERAN WHO RECEIVED THE 100% DISABLED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION:** You may qualify for this exemption if you were married to a disabled veteran who qualified for an exemption under Tax Code 11.131 at the time of his or her death and: (1) you have not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran and (2) the property was your residence homestead when the disabled veteran died and remains your residence homestead.

\* Pursuant to Tax Code Section 11.43(f), you are required to furnish this information. A driver's license number, personal identification certificate number, or social security account number provided in an application for an exemption filed with a chief appraiser is confidential and not open to public inspection. The information may not be disclosed to anyone other than an employee of the appraisal office who appraises property, except as authorized by Tax Code Section 11.48(b).  
 \*\* Tax Code Section 11.43(m) allows a person who receives a general homestead exemption in a tax year to receive the age 65 or older exemption for an individual 65 years of age or older in the next tax year on the same property without applying for the age 65 or older exemption if the person becomes 65 years of age in that next year as shown by information in the records of the appraisal district that was provided to the appraisal district by the individual in an application for a general residence homestead exemption.

**Step 4: Answer if applies****COOPERATIVE HOUSING RESIDENTS:**

Do you have an exclusive right to occupy this unit because you own stock in a cooperative housing corporation? Yes [ ] No [ ]

**Step 5: Check if late** Application for homestead exemption for prior tax year \_\_\_\_.

You must have met all of the qualifications checked above to receive the prior year exemption.

**Step 6: Sign and date the application**

By signing this application, you state that the facts in this application are true and correct, that you do not claim a residence homestead exemption on another residence homestead in Texas, and that you do not claim a residence homestead exemption on a residence homestead outside of Texas.

**NOTICE REGARDING PENALTIES FOR MAKING OR FILING AN APPLICATION CONTAINING A FALSE STATEMENT: If you make a false statement on this form, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Section 37.10, Penal Code.**

Your signature on this application constitutes a sworn statement that you have read and understand the Notice Regarding Penalties for Making or Filing an Application Containing a False Statement.

**Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

The following table lists each taxing jurisdiction that offers residential homestead exemptions:

<b>JURISDICTION</b>	<b>STATE MANDATED HOMESTEAD</b>	<b>LOCAL OPTION HOMESTEAD</b>	<b>STATE MANDATED OVER 65 HS</b>	<b>LOCAL OPTION OVER 65 HS</b>	<b>STATE MANDATED DISABILITY</b>
BROWNSVILLE I.S.D	15,000		10,000	4,620	10,000
HARLINGEN C.I.S.D	15,000		10,000		10,000
LA FERIA I.S.D	15,000		10,000		10,000
LOS FRESNOS C.I.S.D	15,000		10,000		10,000
POINT ISABEL I.S.D	15,000		10,000		10,000
RIO HONDO I.S.D	15,000		10,000		10,000
SAN BENITO I.S.D	15,000		10,000		10,000
SANTA MARIA I.S.D	15,000		10,000		10,000
SANTA ROSA I.S.D	15,000		10,000		10,000
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE				6,000	
CITY OF COMBES				10,000	
CITY OF HARLINGEN				4,000	
TOWN OF LAGUNA VISTA				3,000	
CITY OF PORT ISABEL	0	20%		3,000	
CITY OF PRIMERA	0	5,000		5,000	
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO	0	5,000			
CITY OF SAN BENITO				5,000	
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND	0	20%		3,000	
CAMERON COUNTY				12,000	
LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT	0	20%		3,000	
LYFORD C.I.S.D.	15,000		10,000		10,000

**NON-OWNERSHIP OF MOTOR VEHICLE AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CAMERON**

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am over 18 years of age and I am otherwise fully competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and all of same are true and correct.

I do not own a vehicle.  
Further, Affiant sayeth not."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGE 65 OR OLDER/DISABLED EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CAMERON**

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am over 18 years of age and I am otherwise fully competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and all of same are true and correct.

I have a \_\_\_\_\_ percent ownership in the residence homestead identified in the foregoing exemption application.

Further, Affiant sayeth not."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**MANUFACTURED HOME AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CAMERON**

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am over 18 years of age and I am otherwise fully competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and all of same are true and correct.

I am the owner of the manufactured home identified in the foregoing exemption application. The seller of the manufactured home did not provide me with a purchase contract and I could not locate the seller after making a good faith effort.

Further, Affiant sayeth not."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION INSTRUCTIONS

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:** This application is for use in claiming general homestead exemptions pursuant to Tax Code §11.13 and §11.131. 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.

**Include with ALL applications (Note: The chief appraiser may not approve an exemption unless the address on the driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate corresponds to the address on the applicant's vehicle registration receipt or utility bill AND the address indicated on the application form. Incomplete applications will be returned to applicant for compliance.):**

- 1) a copy of the applicant's driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate; and
- 2) a copy of the applicant's vehicle registration receipt; or
  - a) if the applicant does not own a vehicle, an affidavit to that effect signed by the applicant; and
  - b) a copy of a utility bill in the applicant's name for the property for which exemption is sought.

**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.