



HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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Division of Property Tax Accounting

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2021 AGING IN PLACE TAX CREDIT: FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS ONLY DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: June 30, 2021

In accordance with the provisions of Section 20-119B of the Howard County Code and §9-258 of the Tax- Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the owner of a dwelling may receive a property tax credit against the County property tax if the property is owned by an individual:

- (1) Who is at least **65** years old and has lived in the same dwelling for at least the preceding **40** years. **OR**
- (2) Who is at least **65** years old and is retired member of the Armed Forces of the United States with **20** years of service. **OR**
- (3) A surviving spouse, who has not remarried, of an individual described in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

Additional Requirements and Important Information:

- Dwelling **Must** be the applicant’s principal residence
- A property owner may not receive an Aging in Place Tax Credit and a Senior Tax Credit
- The credit may be granted for up to five years if the property owner remains qualified. The five years do not have to be consecutive. Annual Renewal Statements will be mailed in February of each year. They need to be completed and received by the first of May each year to continue to receive the credit.
- An application may later be subjected to audit. In individual cases, other documentation may be requested at the County’s discretion.

The property tax credit is equal to 20% of the eligible County tax. The eligible County tax is the amount of County tax on the lesser of \$500,000.00 or the assessed value of the dwelling reduced by the amount of any assessment on which a property tax credit is granted.

The following documentation is required for ALL applicants:

- Original copy of completed application
- Copy of a current Maryland Driver’s license or MVA-issued photo I.D. for owner and co-owner.
- The first page of the deed for the dwelling showing ownership interest and the date of purchase
- The **previous 6 Months** (from the date of application) of your choice of electric, natural gas, cable, or landline phone bills – **Choose one type of bill and submit each monthly bill from the previous 6 months. Each monthly bill must have the owner’s name and the property address. A bill history or bill summary WILL NOT be accepted. If emailing documents, please submit a PDF attachment.**

If applying based on active duty military service, you also need to submit:

- A copy of the DD214 showing 20 years of active duty service.

If applying as a surviving spouse, you also need to submit:

- a copy of the Death Certificate for the deceased spouse.
- A copy of the DD214 showing 20 years of active duty service for the deceased spouse.

The original application and all supporting documents must be submitted by June 30, 2021

<p>Address for Application Submission: Howard County Department of Finance Aging in Place Tax Credit 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043</p>	<p>Contact Information: Phone: (410) 313-4076 Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Email: taxcredit@howardcountymd.gov Website: www.taxcredits.howardcountymd.gov</p>
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If applying based on living in the same dwelling for 40 years or more, submit with the application:

- Original copy of the completed application
Copy of your valid Maryland Driver’s license or MVA-issued photo I.D. for owner and co-owner.
The first page of the deed for the dwelling showing ownership interest and the date of purchase
The previous 6 Months (from the date of application) of your choice of electric, natural gas, cable, or landline phone bills – Choose one type of bill (first page only) and submit each monthly bill from the previous 6 months. Each monthly bill must have your name and the property address. A bill history or bill summary WILL NOT be accepted. If emailing documents, please submit a PDF attachment.

If applying as Retired Military with 20 years of ACTIVE service, submit with the application:

- All documents required in the 40 years or more section
DD214 showing 20 years of active duty service

If applying as the Spouse of a Deceased Retired Military with 20 years of active service, submit with the application:

- All documents required in the Retired Military with 20 years of Active service section
Copy of Death Certificate for deceased spouse

Parcel Number (located on the Howard County tax bill): _____

Owner/Applicant’s Name: _____ Co-Owner _____

Property Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE. I UNDERSTAND THAT MISINFORMATION OR REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY IS A BASIS FOR DISAPPROVAL OF MY APPLICATION. ALSO, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO VERIFY/OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION WHICH WILL ASSIST IN DETERMINING MY ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IF I QUALIFY FOR THIS TAX CREDIT, I WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AN ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Co-Owner/Applicant

Date

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