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Aging in Place - 2026 Tax Credit Application

Howard County Code §20.129E

Before completing this form, review the "Eligibility Summary & Renewal Process" section.

Section 1: Property & Owner Information

Owner/Applicant's Name: _____

Co-owner's Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Property Account #: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Section 2: Credit Type Selection

Check the box next to the credit you are applying for (please check one):

- Aging in Place (AIP)
- AIPM - Retired Service Member
- AIPS - Retired Service Member Surviving Spouse
- AIPD - Disabled Service Member
- AIPDS - Disabled Service Member Surviving Spouse

Section 3: Eligibility Confirmation

I confirm that I have reviewed the Eligibility Summary, verify that I meet the requirements, and have provided sufficient documentation to support my claim of eligibility.

Section 4: Certification & Signature

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application, to the best of my knowledge, is true. I understand that misinformation or omission of essential information is a basis for disapproval of my application and that Howard County Government's Department of Finance may request additional information to verify my statement.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date of Application _____

Please mail or drop off this application with the documentation required for the credit you are applying for to: Howard County Government Department of Finance, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

What Comes Next?

The Department of Finance will review your application for completeness, accuracy, and eligibility. If additional documents are needed or your application is not eligible, you will be notified. If your application is approved, the tax credit will be applied to your tax bill for the tax year provided on this application. Do not expect the credit to appear on your bill by July 1st. Applicants should pay their property tax bill as received and if applicable the Department of Finance will issue a refund by check.

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Acceptable Proof of Residency: (Applicable to All Credits)

- Maryland-issued license or photo ID for owner and co-owner.
- Name and address page from the last six months of a utility bill, e.g. BGE, Pepco, cable, or cell phone providers.
 - Howard County Government issued bills are not acceptable.
 - Payment histories are not acceptable.

Acceptable Proof of Ownership: (Applicable to AIP only)

- Pages of the original deed for the dwelling showing ownership interest and the date of purchase on or before June 30th, 30 years ago.

Acceptable Proof of Disability: (Applicable to AIPD Disabled Service Member and Surviving Spouse)

- Veterans Administration determination letter.
- Affidavit of Eligibility completed by the Chief of the law enforcement, fire, rescue, or emergency medical service for the jurisdiction that employed the law enforcement officer or emergency worker.
- For surviving spouse, copy of the death certificate for the deceased spouse.

Acceptable Proof of Service: (Applicable to AIPM Retired Service Member and Surviving Spouses)

- DD214 showing 20 years of active-duty service.
- For surviving spouse, copy of the death certificate for the deceased spouse.

Aging in Place Tax Credit (Sec. 20.129E):

Eligibility Summary:

- Applicant must:
 - be **65 years old or older** as of June 30, 2026, and have owned and resided in the dwelling for **30 years** or more **OR**
 - be **65 years old or older** as of June 30, 2026, and be a retired military veteran with **20 years of active-duty service** or surviving spouse of such a veteran **OR**
 - be a disabled military member with a **75 percent to 99 percent service-connected** disability or surviving spouse of such a veteran.
- Dwelling must be the applicant's only principal residence.
- May **not** receive Aging in Place, Public Safety Officer, or the Senior Tax Credit in the same year.
- Application deadline: **October 1, 2026**.
- This credit does **NOT automatically renew**. Statement of Eligibility is required annually for an additional nine years (for a total of 10 years).
- Changes in property ownership may change the eligibility status at any time.

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