

# What is Orange County Habitat for Humanity?

Orange County Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian ministry that changes lives by building safe, decent, and affordable homes without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, marital status, or age. Homeowners are required to pay an affordable monthly payment.

# How can I become a Habitat homeowner?

You may be eligible to participate in our homeownership program if you are at least 18 years of age, are within the income eligibility guidelines, have lived or worked in Orange County for at least one year and you meet the **3 criteria:** (1) Need for Adequate Shelter, (2) Ability to Pay, and (3) Willingness to Partner. Do the following statements apply to you?

# **Income Eligibility:**

□ My gross annual income is within eligibility guidelines: (35-80% 2023 Area Median Income for Orange County). This includes wages, Social Security Disability Income, Child Support, TANF, pensions.

Household <mark>Size*</mark>	Minimum Applicant Income	Maximum Household Income
1	\$19,135	\$43736
2	\$21,868	\$49,984
3	\$24,602	\$56,232
4	\$27,335	\$62,480
5	\$29,522	\$67,478
6	\$31,709	\$72,477
7	\$33,895	\$77,475
8	\$36,082	\$82,474

\*Household Size = Me (Applicant) + Any Adults Who Will Live With Me + Any Children Who Will Live With Me AND For Whom an Adult Household Member Has Custody + My Spouse, If Legally Married

# 1. I have need for adequate shelter:

- □ I currently live in housing that is substandard in at least one of the following ways:
  - □ Structurally defective or in significant disrepair
  - □ Inadequate number of bedrooms for age/gender of family members
- □ Transitional in nature
- $\Box$  In an unsafe neighborhood or community
- □ Cost-burdensome rent is more than 30% of income; excessive utility costs

□ Inadequate living space

# 2. I have the ability to pay:

- □ I have had stable, verifiable income for at least two years
- □ I expect my income to remain stable or increase in the future.
- □ I am making on-time payments on my current bills and debts and am not default in any legal financial obligation.. **Note:** You may want to do a free preliminary credit report check at www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228 before applying.
- □ I have not declared or discharged a bankruptcy in the previous 3 years.
- □ My household members and I abide by the law.
- □ I am a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

# 3. I am willing to partner with Habitat:

- □ I am willing to fulfill all requirements in a timely, honest manner.
- $\Box$  I am willing to make an escrow deposit of \$800 before occupancy of the house.
- □ I am willing to make all my monthly mortgage payments on time.
- □ I am willing to accept a home with its floorplan and other features determined by Habitat.
- □ I am willing to spend the required 250 hours of sweat equity by helping with house construction or other approved activities (friends and other family members can help), and attending financial and home maintenance classes.
- □ I am willing to share my experience through conversations, events, and media publications.
- $\Box$  I am willing to care proactively for my home & neighborhood.

The applicant must understand that **verification of all information on the application is necessary to determine eligibility.** This will include a criminal check, credit check, income verification and a home visit.

If all the above statements apply, you might be eligible! Please complete the attached application or contact us at 812-723-3596.





PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION TO: Orange County Habitat for Humanity 1075 N Sandy Hook Road, Suite 4 Paoli, IN 47454 Phone: (812) 723-3596; Fax: (812) 723-7304 Email: <u>ochabitat1@gmail.com</u> or <u>ochabitat@yahoo.com</u>

# **Application for Homeownership Program**



We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin. We further pledge to keep all information you include in this application packet confidential in accordance with the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

# SECTION I: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Applicant	Co-Applicant
Name: Age:	Name:
Gender:MaleFemale Social Security Number:	Gender: _MaleFemale Social Security Number:
Marital Status (check one):	Marital Status (check one):
□ Married □ Separated □ Unmarried	□ Married □ Separated □ Unmarried
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Email Address:	Email Address:
Dependents and others who will live with you (include both chil	
Name Re	elationship Birth Date Age Gender
	Male Female
Do all the members of the household outlined above currently res If no, please explain current living arrangements and why the arra home:	side together?YesNo rangements are expected to change upon the purchase of a Habitat

SECTION II: CURRENT HOUSING CONDITIONS				
Applicant	<b>Co-Applicant</b> (if different than applicant)			
Current Street Address:	Current Street Address:  Own Rent			
Years at this Residence:	Years at this Residence:			
Total Monthly Mortgage/Rent: \$	Total Monthly Mortgage/Rent: \$			
# of People Living at this Residence:	# of People Living at this Residence:			
# of Bedrooms: # of Bathrooms:	# of Bedrooms: # of Bathrooms:			
Name, Address, & Phone Number of Landlord:	Name, Address, & Phone Number of Landlord:			
Current Mailing Address (if different than above):	Current Mailing Address (if different than above):			
Previous Street Address:  Own Rent	Previous Street Address:  Own  Rent			
Years at this Residence:	Years at this Residence:			
SECTION III: EMPLO	OYMENT INFORMATION			
Applicant	Co-Applicant			
Current Job Title:	Current Job Title:			
Rate of Pay:   \$#hours/week	Rate of Pay:         \$#hours/week			
Current Employer:	Current Employer:			
Work Address:	Work Address:			
Work Phone Number:	Work Phone Number:			
Years on this Job:	Years on this Job:			
Previous Job Title:	Previous Job Title:			
Previous Employer:	Previous Employer:			
Work Address:	Work Address:			
Years on this Job:	Years on this Job:			
Reason for Leaving:	Reason for Leaving:			

Applicants must show steady employment for two years. If there is a gap in employment for more than two months, please explain the reason on a separate sheet of paper.

SECTION IV: ASSE15				
Information regarding bank acc	ounts or other fin	ancial accounts of ho	ousehold members:	
Household Member's Name	Financial Institution's Name		Account Type (e.g., checking)	Current Balance
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
Do you own any land? Yes	No Es	timated Value: \$	Unpaid Balance: \$	
Do you own any vehicles?Ye	s <u>No</u> Es	timated Value: \$	Unpaid Balance: \$	
save up this money in time for clos		DN V: MONTHL	Y INCOME	
Income Source	Applicant	Co-Applicat		_ Total (\$/Month)
Wages	\$	\$	\$	\$
Alimony*	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child Support*	\$	\$	\$	\$
Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Social Security (SS)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other:	\$	\$	\$	\$
			Total Monthly Incom	e: \$

\*As a Special Purpose Credit Program, we are authorized to inquire about income from alimony, child support, or separate maintenance. Applicants may request that this income not be used in determining their ability to repay the mortgage loan for which they are applying.

Self-employed applicants will be required to provide additional documentation such as tax returns and financial statements.

Debt/Expense	Applicant			<b>Co-Applicant</b>		
	Minimum Payment/Mo.	Actual Payment/Mo.	Unpaid Balance	Minimum Payment/Mo.	Actual Payment/Mo.	Unpaid Balance
Alimony and/or Child Support	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Motor Vehicles (e.g., car, boat)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rent-to-Own (e.g., furniture)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Real Property (e.g. land, house)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Medical Debts	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Credit Cards	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personal Loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Student Loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child Care	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Insurance	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cell phone/internet:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Do you use a budget to plan for a	and track your re	gular household	expenses?Yes	s _No		
Applicant's estimated monthly c	ost of utilities (in	cluding electric,	gas, water, etc.):	\$/1	month	
Co-Applicant's estimated month	ly cost of utilitie	s (including elect	ric, gas, water, et	tc.): \$	/month	
Please describe any additional de making payments:			which you are a	ware but towards	which you are no	ot currently

Are you currently working with a financial agency to resolve your debts and/or improve your credit? \_\_Yes \_\_No

If yes, please describe the agency, any fees required for service, and the nature of the services received:

SECTION VII: DECLARATIONS				
Declaration	Applicant	<b>Co-Applicant</b>		
(a) Do you have any outstanding judgments due to a court decision against you?	Yes No	Yes No		
(b) Have you been evicted from your residence in the past seven years?	Yes No	Yes No		
(c) Have you had property foreclosed on you in the past seven years?	Yes No	Yes No		
(d) Have you declared or discharged a bankruptcy in the past seven years?	Yes No	Yes No		
(e) Have you been convicted of a felony in the past seven years?	Yes No	Yes No		
(f) Are you currently involved in a lawsuit or other legal proceedings?	Yes No	Yes No		
(g) Are you currently paying alimony or child support or separate maintenance?	Yes No	Yes No		
(h) Are you a co-signer or endorser on any loan?	Yes No	Yes No		
(i) Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?	Yes No	Yes No		
If you answered <b>"Yes"</b> to any of the questions (a) <b>through</b> (h), please explain on a separate sheet of paper, which you must sign, date, and submit with this application				

# SECTION VIII: AUTHORIZATION & RELEASE

## By signing below, I confirm and authorize the following:

I understand that I am authorizing Orange County Habitat for Humanity to evaluate; 1) my household's actual need for the assistance offered through the agency's homeownership program; 2) my ability to repay the affordable mortgage loan that may be offered to me upon my successful completion of the program; and 3) my willingness to partner with the agency through Sweat Equity and other program requirements.

I understand that evaluation of my application will include verification of the information contained in this application packet regarding all household members, including, but not limited to, information pertaining to residence, income, employment, and debt. I understand that this evaluation may also include, but is not limited to, documentation, home visits, credit checks, criminal background checks, checks against the sex offender registry, searches of public records, and contact with current and former employers, landlords, creditors, and other financial institutions disclosed in this application packet and throughout the application process. By submitting this application packet, I am authorizing Orange County Habitat for Humanity to conduct this evaluation regarding all household members.

I have completed this application truthfully and to the best of my present knowledge, and I understand that I am required to notify Habitat for Humanity staff of any material changes to the information contained in this application and may be required to provide documentation verifying such changes. I understand that any discovery of inaccuracy, incompleteness, fraudulence, or change in the information supplied in this application packet may result in the denial of my application or deselection from the program, even after I have been approved.

I understand that if I successfully complete the homeownership program, Orange County Habitat for Humanity may order an appraisal in connection with the proposed mortgage loan. I understand that, upon completion of the appraisal, Habitat for Humanity will promptly provide me with a copy, even if the loan does not close.

I understand that Orange County Habitat for Humanity will retain the original or a copy of this application packet and its attachments for 25 months, even if the application is not approved or deselection occurs.

Applicant	Signature
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Date

Co-Applicant Signature

Date

# PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR OTHER FORM OF I.D.

# SECTION IX: INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENT MONITORING PURPOSES

# **PLEASE READ THIS STATEMENT BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS SECTION:** The following information is requested by the federal government for loans related to the purchase of homes, in order to monitor the lender's compliance with Equal Credit Opportunity and Fair Housing laws. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. The law provides that a lender may neither discriminate on the basis of this information, nor on whether you choose to furnish it or not. However, if you choose not to furnish it, under federal regulations this lender is required to note ethnicity, race, and sex on the basis of visual observation or surname. If you do not wish to furnish the information below, please check the designated box in each section.

Applicant	Co-Applicant		
Name:	Name:		
$\Box$ I do not wish to furnish this information.	$\Box$ I do not wish to furnish this information.		
<ul> <li>Race (you may select more than one):</li> <li>□ American Indian or Alaska Native</li> <li>□ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander</li> <li>□ Black/African-American</li> <li>□ White</li> <li>□ Asian</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Race (you may select more than one):</li> <li>□ American Indian or Alaska Native</li> <li>□ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander</li> <li>□ Black/African-American</li> <li>□ White</li> <li>□ Asian</li> </ul>		
Ethnicity: □ Hispanic or Latino □ Non-Hispanic or Latino	Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Non-Hispanic or Latino		
Sex: □ Male □ Female	Sex: □ Male □ Female		
Birth Date: / /	Birth Date: / /		
<ul> <li>Marital Status:</li> <li>□ Married</li> <li>□ Separated</li> <li>□ Unmarried (includes single, divorced, or widowed)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Marital Status:</li> <li>□ Married</li> <li>□ Separated</li> <li>□ Unmarried (includes single, divorced, or widowed)</li> </ul>		

# EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY ACT NOTICE

The Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits creditors from discriminating against credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or age (provided the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract); because all or part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program; or because the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. The federal agency that monitors compliance with this law concerning this company is the Federal Trade Commission, with offices for the Midwest Region at 55 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1825, Chicago, IL 60603 or the Federal Trade Commission, Equal Credit Opportunity, Washington, DC 20580.

You need not disclose income from alimony, child support or separate maintenance payment if you choose not to do so. However, because we operate a Special Purpose Credit Program, we may request and require, in order to determine an applicant's eligibility for the program and the affordable mortgage amount, information regarding the applicant's marital status; alimony, child support and separate maintenance income; and the spouse's financial resources.

Accordingly, if you receive income from these sources and do not provide this information with your application, your application will be considered incomplete, and we will be unable to invite you to participate in the Habitat program.

Applicant(s):

X	X
Print name:	Print name:
Date:	Date: