

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY

APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSIONS

Please read the instructions before completing this application.

Basic Information

- 1. Name of Property Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Property Address \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Municipality \_\_\_\_\_ 4. School District \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Mailing Address of Property Owner (if different than property address) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Phone Number of Property Owner: Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Homestead Information

- 7. Do you use this property as your primary residence? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 8. Do you claim anywhere else as your primary residence? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 9. Is your residence part of a cooperative where some or all of the property taxes are paid jointly? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If so, what is your proportionate share of ownership? \_\_\_\_\_%
- 10. Is your property used for something other than your primary residence, such as a business or rental property? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If so, what percentage of this property is used for business or rental property? \_\_\_\_\_%
- 11. Please provide the tax parcel number for this property (located on your tax bill). \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If you do not know the parcel number or do not have a tax bill, call your tax collector or the county assessor.)*

Farmstead Information

*(Only applicable to buildings and structures used for commercial agricultural production.)*

- 12. Does this property include at least ten contiguous acres of farm land? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 13. Are there buildings and structures on the property that are used primarily to:
  - a. Produce or store any farm product for purposes of commercial agricultural production? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
  - b. House animals raised or maintained on the farm for the purpose of commercial agricultural production? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
  - c. Store machinery or equipment used on the farm for the purpose of commercial agricultural production? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 14. If you answered yes to questions 13 a, b, or c, do any farm buildings or structures already receive a property tax abatement under any other law? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

I hereby certify that all the above information is true and correct.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*This application must be signed by an owner for whom this property is the primary residence. Any person who knowingly files an application which is false in any material matter shall be subject to payment of taxes due, plus interest, plus penalty and shall be subject to prosecution as a misdemeanor of the third degree and a fine of up to \$2,500.*

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Filed _____	Homestead Value _____
Reviewed by _____	Farmstead Value _____
Date Reviewed _____	Assessment Information:
Applicable Years _____	Land _____
Approved _____	Improvements _____
Denied _____	TOTAL _____

# Instructions

## Property Tax Relief

### Application for Homestead & Farmstead Exclusions

The Taxpayer Relief Act, Act 1 of Special Session 1 of 2006, was signed into law by Governor Rendell on June 27, 2006. The Taxpayer Relief Act provides two separate mechanisms to reduce your property tax bill. First, each school district, except the Pittsburgh, Scranton and Philadelphia School Districts, is required to conduct a voter referendum in 2007 to determine whether to impose an additional local income tax to be used to reduce property taxes. Second, the Taxpayer Relief Act also provides for property tax reduction allocations to be distributed by the Commonwealth to each school district. Either type of property tax reduction will be through a "homestead or farmstead exclusion."

Under a homestead or farmstead property tax exclusion, the assessed value of each homestead or farmstead is reduced by the amount of the exclusion before the property tax is computed. You are not guaranteed a homestead or farmstead exclusion unless and until an additional income tax for purposes of granting a homestead or farmstead exclusion is approved by voter referendum or sufficient funds have been collected to permit property tax reduction allocations to be made by the Commonwealth. Initial property tax reductions funded by allocations from the Commonwealth took effect July 1, 2008.

To receive school property tax relief for tax years beginning July 1, 2009 or January 1, 2010, this form must be filed by the preceding March 1. Your school district is required to notify you by December 31 of each year if your property is not approved for the homestead or farmstead exclusion or if your approval is due to expire.

#### BASIC INFORMATION

1. Fill in your name and the name of other owners, such as a co-owner of the property. The application must be signed by an owner for whom the property is his or her primary residence. If the property has more than one owner, signatures of additional owners are not required.
2. Fill in the address of the property for which you are seeking an exclusion.
3. Fill in your municipality. If you are not sure what your municipality is, contact your local tax collector or county assessment office 814-643-1000.
4. Fill in your school district. If you are not sure what your school district is, contact your local tax collector or county assessment office 814-643-1000.
5. If your mailing address differs from the address of the property for which you are seeking a homestead exclusion, fill in your mailing address.
6. List phone numbers where you can be reached during the day, and the evening, if you are unavailable during the day.

#### HOMESTEAD INFORMATION

7. Only a primary residence of an owner of the property may receive the homestead exclusion. This is where you intend to reside permanently until you move to another home. You may be asked to provide proof that this property is your primary residence, such as your driver's license, your voter registration card, your personal income tax form or your local earned income tax form.
8. Do you have another residence which you claim as your primary residence? For instance, do you claim another state as your primary residence, or another county in Pennsylvania? The homestead exclusion can only be claimed once, for a place of primary residence. You may not claim this property as your primary residence if you claim another property as a primary residence or if you receive a homestead tax abatement or other homestead benefit from any other county or state.
9. If you live in a unit of a cooperative and you pay all or a portion of your real property taxes jointly through a management agent or association, rather than paying your taxes separately from other units, check yes. If you answered yes, please indicate your proportionate share of ownership. You may be asked to provide a contact to confirm this information.

