

Let Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity's Homebuyer Program Unlock the Door to Your Dreams!



Since 1992, Caldwell Habitat has empowered local families to turn their dreams of being homeowners into reality. Habitat is not a give-away program; it embodies the spirit of hard work and dedication. Through the Homebuyer Program, applicants invest "sweat equity" and purchase their home with an affordable mortgage.

Qualifications for the Homeownership Program

1) Need for Affordable Housing

- ◆ The applicant's current living condition is overcrowded or substandard, or lives in public housing.
- ◆ An applicant's current rent exceeds 30% of their gross income.
- ◆ The applicant's utility costs are excessive.
- ◆ The applicant cannot have owned a home within the last three years.



2) Ability to Pay

- ◆ An applicant must have the ability to afford a mortgage.
- ◆ Income must be verifiable and should fall within the guidelines listed on the next page.
- ◆ The Habitat mortgage payment should not exceed 30% of an applicant's income.
- ◆ Credit should be satisfactory, demonstrating the ability and willingness to repay a mortgage.

3) Willingness to Partner

- ◆ Applicants should live or work in Caldwell County within 12 months preceding the application.
- ◆ Willing to invest "sweat equity" by helping to build homes and attending homeowner education.
- ◆ Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.



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Homebuyer Program Application Instructions

Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity accepts applications for the Homebuyer Program from March 1 through June 15. Interested applicants should carefully complete the attached application packet and submit it to the Habitat Office by June 15.

Please make sure you:

- ◆ Read and fully complete all sections of the application.
- ◆ Sign and date the application in the designated areas.
- ◆ Include copies of any applicable income verification documents (listed below)
 - Current Pay Stubs
 - Social Security, Disability, or SSI Letters
 - Child Support or Alimony Letters
 - If you are self-employed, the last two years of tax returns

IMPORTANT: Please submit your completed application along with supporting documents to the Habitat Office by June 15, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Your application may be denied if it is not fully completed, signed, and dated, or if income verification is not provided by June 15.

Caldwell County Habitat's Homebuyer Program application process is thorough and involves multiple steps. After we receive your application, we will perform an initial review to decide if your application will proceed further. You will be notified about the status of your application within 30 days.

Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity Homebuyer Program Income Guidelines		
Family Size	Minimum Yearly *Gross Income	Maximum Yearly *Gross Income
1	\$32,000	\$38,290
2	\$32,000	\$43,750
3	\$32,000	\$49,210
4	\$32,000	\$54,670
5	\$32,000	\$59,080
6	\$32,000	\$63,420
7	\$33,915	\$67,830
8	\$36,085	\$72,170
*Gross yearly income = Income before taxes and deductions (Income guidelines are based on HUD income limits and are subject to change)		



Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

Privacy Statement and Notice

At Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity, we are committed to keeping your information private. We recognize the importance applicants, program families, and homeowners place on the privacy and confidentiality of their information. While new technologies allow us to more efficiently serve our customers, we are committed to maintaining privacy standards that are synonymous with our established and trusted name.

When collecting, storing, and retrieving applicant, program family, tenant, and homeowner data – such as tax returns, pay stubs, credit reports, employment verifications and payment history – internal controls are maintained throughout the process to ensure security and confidentiality.

We collect nonpublic personal information about you from the following sources:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency

We may disclose the following kinds of nonpublic personal information about you:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms, such as Name, Social Security Number, Income, Assets, Debts, Address, etc.
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others such as your payment history, account balance, delinquency, etc.
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency such as your creditworthiness and credit history

Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity employees and volunteers are subject to a written policy regarding confidentiality and access to applicant data is restricted to staff and volunteers on an as-needed basis. Information is used for lawful business purposes and is never shared with third parties without your consent, except as permitted by law. As permitted by law, we may disclose nonpublic personal information about you to the following types of third parties:

- Financial service providers, such as mortgage servicing agents
- Nonprofit organizations or governments (DSS & WPCOG)
- North Carolina Housing Finance Agency

If you prefer that we do not disclose non-public personal information about you to nonaffiliated third parties, you may opt out of those disclosures, that is, you may direct us not to make those disclosures (other than disclosures permitted by law). If you wish to opt out of disclosures to nonaffiliated third parties, you may call Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. at 828-758-8757.



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Application

Habitat 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.

Dear Applicant: Please complete this application for the Habitat for Humanity homeownership program truthfully, completely and accurately. All information you include on this application will be maintained in accordance with our privacy policy.

- Type of credit**
- ☐ I am applying for **individual credit**.
- ☐ I am applying for **joint credit**. Total number of borrowers: _____
- ☐ Each borrower intends to apply for joint credit. **Your initials:** _____

1A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

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1B. MILITARY SERVICE

Did you (or your deceased spouse) serve, or are you currently serving, in the United States Armed Forces?

(Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Reserve or National Guard) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, check all that apply:

- ☐ Currently serving on active duty with projected expiration date of service/tour ____/____/____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
- ☐ Currently retired, discharged, or separated from service
- ☐ Only period of service was as a non-activated member of the Reserve or National Guard
- ☐ Surviving spouse

Is anyone else in your household serving, or did they serve, in the United States Armed Forces? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, check all that apply:

- ☐ Currently serving on active duty with projected expiration date of service/tour ____/____/____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
- ☐ Currently retired, discharged, or separated from service
- ☐ Only period of service was as a non-activated member of the Reserve or National Guard

2. WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER

To be considered for the Habitat homeownership program, you and your household members must be willing to complete a certain number of "sweat-equity" hours, which may include hours spent helping to build your home and the homes of others, attending homeownership classes, and/or other approved activities.

I AM WILLING TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED SWEAT-EQUITY HOURS:

	Yes	No
Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. PRESENT HOUSING CONDITIONS

Currently, are you: ☐ Renting ☐ Rent-free ☐ Own

Number of bedrooms (please circle): 1 2 3 4 5

Other rooms in the place where you are currently living: ☐ Kitchen ☐ Bathroom ☐ Living room ☐ Dining room

Other (please describe): _____

In the space below, describe the condition of the house or apartment where you live. Why do you need a Habitat home?

If you rent your current residence, please supply a copy of your lease and a copy of the most recent money order receipt, bank statement or canceled rent check to evidence rent payment.

Name, address and phone number of current landlord: _____

4. PROPERTY INFORMATION

☐ I do not own any real estate (move to Section 5).

If you own your residence, what is your monthly mortgage payment (including taxes, insurance, etc.)?

\$ _____/month Unpaid balance \$ _____

Do you own land other than your residence? ☐ No ☐ Yes
Monthly payment (including taxes, insurance, etc.)

\$ _____

5. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION			
Applicant		Co-applicant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Does not apply.		<input type="checkbox"/> Does not apply.	
Name and address of CURRENT employer:	Start date (mm/dd/yyyy):	Name and address of CURRENT employer:	Start date (mm/dd/yyyy):
	Annual (gross) wages: \$		Annual (gross) wages: \$
Type of business:	Business phone:	Type of business:	Business phone:
If working at current job less than one year, complete the following information.			
Name and address of PREVIOUS employer:	Years on this job:	Name and address of PREVIOUS employer:	Years on this job:
	Annual (gross) wages: \$		Annual (gross) wages: \$
Type of business:	Business phone:	Type of business:	Business phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you are the business owner or are self-employed. <input type="checkbox"/> I have an ownership share of less than 25%. <input type="checkbox"/> I have an ownership share of 25% or more. Monthly income (or loss) \$ _____			PLEASE NOTE: Self-employed applicants will be required to provide additional documents such as tax returns and financial statements.

6. MONTHLY INCOME - ATTACH VERIFICATION OF ALL INCOME LISTED BELOW				
Income source	Applicant	Co-applicant	Others in household	Total
Salary/wages (gross)	\$	\$	\$	\$
TANF	\$	\$	\$	\$
Alimony	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child support	\$	\$	\$	\$
Social Security	\$	\$	\$	\$
SSI	\$	\$	\$	\$
Disability	\$	\$	\$	\$
Housing voucher (e.g., Section 8)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Unemployment benefits	\$	\$	\$	\$
VA compensation	\$	\$	\$	\$
Retirement (e.g., pension)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Military entitlements	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other: _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHOSE INCOME IS LISTED ABOVE			
Name	Income source	Monthly income	Date of birth

7. SOURCE OF DOWN PAYMENT AND CLOSING COSTS

Where will you get the money to make the down payment or pay for closing costs (for example, savings or gifts from family member or others; any grants for which you have or intend to apply)? If you borrow the money, whom will you borrow it from, and how will you pay it back?

8. ASSETS

Type of asset and name of bank, savings and loan, credit union, retirement account, etc. (Do not include land here.)	Address	City, state	ZIP	Account number	Current balance/ value/vested amount (if applicable)
					\$
					\$
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9. LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES

TO WHOM DO YOU OWE MONEY?	Applicant			Co-applicant		
Account	Monthly payment	Unpaid balance	Months left to pay	Monthly payment	Unpaid balance	Months left to pay
Auto loan	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Installment (e.g., boat, personal loan)	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Lease (e.g., furniture, appliances — includes rent-to-own)	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Alimony/separate maintenance	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Child support	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Revolving (e.g., credit cards)	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Student loan debt	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Open 30 days (balance paid monthly, e.g., travel card)	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Medical debt	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Total	\$	\$		\$	\$	

MONTHLY EXPENSES

Account	Applicant	Co-applicant	Total
Rent	\$	\$	\$
Utilities (electricity, water, gas)	\$	\$	\$
Insurance (rental, car, health, etc.)	\$	\$	\$
Child care	\$	\$	\$
Internet service	\$	\$	\$
Cell phone	\$	\$	\$

Land line	\$	\$	\$
Business expenses	\$	\$	\$
Union dues	\$	\$	\$
Transportation expense (gas, bus pass, vehicle upkeep, etc.)	\$	\$	\$
Food and essential supplies	\$	\$	\$
Entertainment	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$

10. DECLARATIONS

Please check the box beside the word that best answers the following questions for you and the co-applicant.	Applicant	Co-applicant
a. Are there any outstanding judgments because of a court decision against you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Have you declared bankruptcy within the past seven years? If YES, identify the type(s) of bankruptcy: <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Have you had any property foreclosed upon in the past seven years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d. Are you party to a lawsuit in which you potentially have any personal financial liability?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e. Have you conveyed title to any property in lieu of foreclosure or completed a pre-foreclosure sale or short sale (where the lender agreed to accept less than the outstanding mortgage balance due) within the past seven years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
f. Are you currently delinquent or in default on any federal debt or any other loan, mortgage financial obligation or loan guarantee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
g. Are you a co-signer or guarantor on any debt of loan that is not disclosed on this application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
h. Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Note: If you answered "yes" to any question a through g, or "no" to Question h, please explain on a separate piece of paper.		

11. AUTHORIZATION, AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

I understand that by filing this application, I am authorizing Habitat for Humanity to evaluate my actual need for the Habitat homeownership program, my ability to repay an affordable loan and other expenses of homeownership, and my willingness to be a partner through sweat equity and otherwise according to Habitat for Humanity policy.

I understand that the evaluation will include personal visits, a credit check and employment verification (if applicable). I have answered all the questions on this application truthfully and accurately, and if any of the information provided changes after I submit this application, I will supplement this application, as applicable. I understand that if I have not answered the questions truthfully, accurately or completely, or fail to supplement this application as necessary to maintain its accuracy and completeness, my application may be denied, and that even if I have already been selected to receive a Habitat home, I may be disqualified from the program and forfeit any rights or claims to a Habitat home. The original or a copy of this application will be retained by Habitat for Humanity even if the application is not approved.

If this application is created as (or converted into) an "electronic application," I consent to the use of "electronic records" and "electronic signatures" as the terms are defined in and governed by applicable federal and/or state electronic transaction laws. I intend to sign and have signed this application either using my: (a) electronic signature or (b) a written signature and agree that if a paper version of this application is converted into an electronic application, the application will be an electronic record, and the representation of my written signature on this application will be my binding electronic signature.

I also understand that Habitat for Humanity screens all applicants on the sex offender registry. By completing this application, I am submitting myself to such an inquiry. I further understand that by completing this application, I am submitting myself to a criminal background check.

Applicant signature	Date	Co-applicant signature	Date
X _____	_____	X _____	_____

PLEASE NOTE: If more space is needed to complete any part of this application, please use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. Please mark your additional comments with "A" for applicant or "C" for co-applicant.

12. RIGHT TO RECEIVE COPY OF APPRAISAL

This is to notify you that if you qualify for the homeownership program and complete the program requirements, we may order an appraisal to determine the value of a home that you may be eligible to purchase, and we may charge you for this appraisal. Upon completion of the appraisal, we will promptly provide a copy to you, even if the loan does not close.

Applicant's name _____ **Co-applicant's name** _____

13. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

PLEASE READ THIS STATEMENT BEFORE COMPLETING THE BOX BELOW:

The purpose of collecting this information is to help ensure that all applicants are being treated fairly, that the housing needs of communities and neighborhoods are being fulfilled, and to otherwise evaluate our programs and report to our funders. For residential mortgage lending, Federal law requires that we ask applicants for their demographic information (ethnicity, sex and race) in order to monitor our compliance with equal credit opportunity, fair housing and home mortgage disclosure laws. You are not required to provide this information but are encouraged to do so. You may select one or more designations for "Ethnicity" and one or more designations for "Race." **The law provides that we may not discriminate** on the basis of this information or on whether you choose to provide it. However, if you choose not to provide the information and you have made this application in person, federal regulations require us to note your ethnicity, sex and race on the basis of visual observation or surname. The law also provides that we may not discriminate on the basis of age or marital status information you provide in this application. If you do not wish to provide some or all of this information, please check below.

Applicant	Co-applicant
Ethnicity (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic or Latino – <i>Origin:</i> _____ <i>For example: Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to provide this information	Ethnicity (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic or Latino – <i>Origin:</i> _____ <i>For example: Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to provide this information
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to provide this information	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to provide this information
Race (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native — <i>Name of enrolled or principal tribe:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian — <i>race:</i> _____ <i>For example: Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander — <i>race:</i> _____ <i>For example: Fijian, Tongan, and so on.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to provide this information	Race (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native — <i>Name of enrolled or principal tribe:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian — <i>race:</i> _____ <i>For example: Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander — <i>race:</i> _____ <i>For example: Fijian, Tongan, and so on.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to provide this information

To be completed only by the person conducting the interview		
Was the ethnicity of the Borrower collected on the basis of visual observation or surname?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was the sex of the Borrower collected on the basis of visual observation or surname?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was the race of the Borrower collected on the basis of visual observation or surname?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
This application was taken by: <input type="checkbox"/> Face-to-face interview (included electronic media w/video component) <input type="checkbox"/> By mail <input type="checkbox"/> By telephone	Interviewer's name (print or type)	Interviewer's phone number
	Interviewer's signature	Date

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 at the **Southeast Region, 225 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 1500, Atlanta GA 30303**, or 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 _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

X _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____