

## Poverty Guidelines Resolution 2025-04-02

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the township board; and

**WHEREAS**, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 and further amended by PA 620 of 2002 (MCL 211.7u); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994 and further amended by PA 620 of 2002, Wright Township, Ottawa County adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and board of review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget and MODIFIED AS DESCRIBED IN THE TABLE "A" BELOW.
- 6) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.
- 7) Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines, and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Dietrich and supported by Board Member Frank.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted.

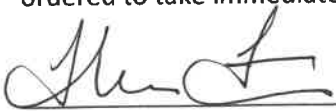
"Aye:" Three (3)

"Nay:" Zero (0)

"Absent" Two (2)

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, Theresa Frank, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Wright Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on April 09, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.



Theresa, Clerk

**POVERTY GUIDELINES**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF WRIGHT TOWNSHIP, OTTAWA COUNTY**

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.

NOTE: If you plan to adopt guidelines other than those stated, the alternative guidelines adopted by your unit cannot provide income eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.

- 6) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.
- 7) Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board.

The following are the federal poverty income standards which the United States Office of Management and Budget recommends that federal departments and agencies use. The standards are actually compiled and published by the Bureau of the Census which refers to them as "poverty thresholds."

The governing body of the local assessing unit has the option of considering the age of the resident(s) when establishing their guidelines. This provision applies only when one or two persons reside in the homestead, because there are no age-related thresholds for three or more persons in the homestead.

**FEDERAL POVERTY INCOME STANDARDS FOR 2025 ASSESSMENTS**

The following are the federal poverty income standards as of 12-31-2024 for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2025 assessments.

**TABLE "A"**

AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION.....	100%	75%	50%	25%	00%
% OF FED. POV. INCOME Standards.....	100%	120%	130%	140%	140% PLUS
SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT					
1.	\$15,060	\$18,072	\$19,578	\$21,084	
2.	\$20,440	\$24,528	\$26,572	\$28,616	
3.	\$25,820	\$30,984	\$33,566	\$36,148	
4.	\$31,200	\$37,440	\$40,560	\$43,680	
5.	\$36,580	\$43,896	\$47,554	\$51,212	
6.	\$41,960	\$50,352	\$54,548	\$58,744	
7.	\$47,340	\$56,808	\$61,542	\$66,276	
8.	\$52,720	\$63,264	\$68,536	\$73,808	

For each additional person add \$5,380

PA 390 of 1994 states that the poverty exemption guidelines established by the governing body of the local assessing unit SHALL also include an asset level test. In order to meet the requirements for assets, the total current fair market value of the claimant's household assets cannot exceed \$20,000.00 (per household)