



# APPLICATION FOR HOMEOWNER RELIEF PROGRAM

Completed forms must be filed by February 1, 2023 with the Tax Office.

## **SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

**1a.** Names of all property owners (names on your tax bill; for cooperative housing corporation shareholders, enter the name of the cooperative housing corporation and the shareholder's name):

\_\_\_\_\_

**1b.** Physical location of your homestead (e.g. 14 Maple St.): \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**1c.** Mailing Address, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY (Check all that apply):**

- 2a.** I am a permanent resident of Maine.
- 2b.** I will be 65 or older as of April 1, 2023.
- 2c.** I qualify for a homestead exemption in Auburn, Maine as of April 1, 2022.
- 2d.** I am not currently claiming or receiving a homestead property tax exemption for any other property.
- 2e.** My taxes increased by \$300.00 or more from the 2021 to 2022 tax years.

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO CHECK ALL FIVE BOXES,  
You do not qualify for the Homeowner Relief program

## **SECTION 3: PAYMENT INFORMATION (One relief payment per qualifying property):**

**3a.** Check made payable to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of qualifying applicant)

**3b.** Mailing Address where check is to be sent: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION 4: DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE:**

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in denial.

Signature of Qualifying Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or return form to:  
City of Auburn  
Attn: Tax Office  
60 Court Street  
Auburn, ME 04210

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

If you are at least 65 years old as of April 1, 2023, qualified for the Homestead exemption in Auburn, Maine as of April 1, 2022, and your taxes increased by \$300.00 dollars or more from the 2021 to 2022 tax years in Auburn, Maine, you may qualify for a \$300.00 Homeowner Relief check. **One** relief payment per qualifying property will be issued.

**SECTION 1.** Enter your full name(s) as shown on your property tax bill, the physical location of your home, your telephone number, email address, and mailing address (if different than the physical location). If you are a cooperative housing corporation shareholder, please enter both the name of the cooperative housing corporation and your name as the shareholder.

**SECTION 2.** Check the appropriate box related to each question. You must check all boxes to qualify for the Homeowner Relief program. You may be required to provide additional evidence to document your ownership. **If you did not check all boxes in this section, you do not qualify for the program.**

**SECTION 3.** You must indicate to whom payment is to be remitted; a valid name and address is required.

**SECTION 4:** The application must be signed by the qualifying homeowner.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**Homestead.** "Homestead" means residential real property owned by an individual or individuals and occupied by those individuals as their permanent residence. Residential real property held in a revocable living trust for a beneficiary who occupies the property as his or her permanent residence also qualifies as a homestead. A resident homeowner who is subject to foreclosure and subsequently purchases the home back from the municipality is considered to have no interruption in homeownership for purposes of this exemption.

**Permanent residence.** "Permanent residence" means that place where an individual has a true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment to which the individual, whenever absent, has the intention of returning. An individual may have only one permanent residence at a time and, once a permanent residence is established, that residence is presumed to continue until circumstances indicate otherwise.

**Permanent resident.** "Permanent resident" means an individual who has established a permanent residence.