

Here's information for those wishing to apply for a poverty tax exemption. To qualify for the exemption you need to file paperwork and meet certain criteria.

You need to file several forms (5737 and 5739) with the local assessing unit (Cross Village). You need to own and occupy the property for which you are applying for an exemption. Provide your tax returns for the current or immediately preceding year (if not required to file tax returns, you need to sign an affidavit instead, linked below). You need to be able to provide identification and proof you are the property owner, if requested. You need to meet the poverty guidelines established for this year, and meet the asset level test.

Here is a link to the forms 5737 and 5739 as well as more information from the State of Michigan

https://www.michigan.gov/taxes/0,4676,7-238-43535_53197-540084--,00.html

Here is a link to the affidavit form you file if you didn't need to file income tax returns:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/treasury/4988_388856_7.pdf

Here is a chart of the poverty exemption guidelines:

Size of family household	Total Maximum Income
1	\$12,760.00
2	\$17,240.00
3	\$21,720.00
4	\$26,200.00
5	\$30,680.00
6	\$35,160.00
7	\$39,640.00
8	\$44,120.00
Each additional person	\$4,480.00

And here is the asset test:

Additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board, including:

Possessing a maximum of \$50,000 in available assets, excluding applicant's primary residence and up to 5 contiguous acres.

Possible assets include: A second home, land in excess of 5 acres, vehicles, recreational vehicles (such as boats, campers, ATVs etc.), jewelry, artwork, cash and bank accounts over \$5,000, equipment or other personal property of value, and any other real and personal property not excluded above.

All forms can also be requested from the township assessor Tim Grimm, or from the township supervisor Steve Keller, at (231) 330-9343

This link takes you to a fact sheet about the poverty exemption:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MITREAS/2021/02/10/file_attachments/1689796/

[Poverty%20Exemption%20Taxpayer%20Fact%20Sheet%202021.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MITREAS/2021/02/10/file_attachments/1689796/Poverty%20Exemption%20Taxpayer%20Fact%20Sheet%202021.pdf)

If any of these links don't work, you can copy and paste them into your browser.