



# Lincoln Charter Township

## POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

To be eligible for the poverty exemption, 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. This requirement is fulfilled by annually completing Form 5739 (Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty).
2. Submit the Form 5737 (Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption) annually 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. A valid driver's license or other form of picture identification, as requested.
4. A deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested, as required.
5. Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget, published annually by the State Tax Commission, and annually adopted by the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees.
6. The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the Board of Review.
7. The allowable net value of the asset test shall not exceed \$15,000. The Board of Review shall have the authority to deviate from this amount if there are **substantial and compelling reasons**.

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".

**Lincoln Charter Township**  
**Poverty Level Guidelines 2021**

Per STC Bulletin No. 17 of 2020 the following guidelines shall be used for applicants applying for poverty exemptions.

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$12,760
2	\$17,240
3	\$21,720
4	\$26,200
5	\$30,680
6	\$35,160
7	\$39,640
8	\$44,120
For each additional person	\$4,480

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.

**Maximum Assets:**

Allowable net value of the assets shall not exceed \$15,000. The home must be owner-occupied and is not included in the \$15,000.