



# Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity Preliminary Screening Form

Deadline: Nov. 15, 2021

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This preliminary screening form **must** be postmarked by Nov. 15, 2021 in order to be reviewed.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you applied before? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ SS # \_\_\_\_\_

Co-applicant: FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ SS # \_\_\_\_\_

Your Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Unmarried (includes single, divorced, widowed)

Address (street) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Size:** How many adults? \_\_\_\_\_ How many children 0-17 yrs.? \_\_\_\_\_ How many children over 18+ yrs.? \_\_\_\_\_

Children's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the condition of your current house or apartment. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Family must have gross annual income between \$19,050 and \$47,625 in order to qualify for this program. (See back page)\**

**Your income** from job: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per  week  2 weeks  month. Place of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Disability benefit ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month Food Stamps ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

SSI ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month Child Support ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

Social Security ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month TANF..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

Children's SS/payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month Other ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

**Co-Applicant's income** job: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per  week  2 weeks  month. Place of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Disability benefit ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month Food Stamps ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

SSI ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month Child Support ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

Social Security ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month Other ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

**Monthly Expenses:** Rent/mortgage \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Are you buying house? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes/no) If yes, how much debt remains? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cable \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone & cell \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Car payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. still owed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Car ins. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Utilities (gas, electric) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Garbage/water/sewage \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Child support payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

Including credit cards, medical bills, loans, pay-day loans, items in collections, legal judgments, child support payments, etc.

How much debt do you have? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ How much do you pay on this debt each month? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever filed bankruptcy? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_ Was it discharged? \_\_\_\_\_ What year? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any legal judgments against you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, felony or are you currently involved in a lawsuit? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to actively work on becoming financially stable, attend budget classes and Family Focus meetings and work 300 hours of sweat-equity helping to build Habitat houses? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Habitat for Humanity? Give name, please \_\_\_\_\_

Have you lived in Etowah County for the past 12 months? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Where before that? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*YOU (Applicant) Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*SPOUSE / Other - Co-Applicant's Signature*

Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization that builds simple, decent and affordable houses through the efforts of partner families, donors, and volunteers. Thank you for your interest and God bless you.

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## How do I/we qualify?

Please review this information to see if you/your family may qualify for this program. If you wish to apply, complete the Preliminary Screening Form on the reverse side and return to Habitat for Humanity by the deadline posted at the top of the page. Must be postmarked by the deadline in order to be reviewed.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to qualify for Habitat for Humanity housing program:

### *Need –*

- \* You/Your family must currently be living in substandard or poverty housing: e.g.-structural problems (leaky roof, unsafe flooring, etc.), inadequate electrical, plumbing or heating systems, unhealthy conditions, inoperable kitchen or bathroom, overcrowding three to a bedroom, etc.).
- \* If you live in *public housing*, you will not qualify for this program because Habitat does not consider Gadsden or Attalla Public Housing to be substandard or poverty housing.

### *Ability to pay –*

- \* You/Your family must have an annual gross income between \$19,050 - \$47,625 for a family of 4 or less.
- \* If your family is larger than 4 people, a higher income amount is allowed. (e.g. family of 5 - \$49,905, etc.)
- \* Your family's projected housing expenses (mortgage plus utilities) cannot exceed 35% of the family's gross income.
- \* All steady sources of income are added to determine your total monthly and annual income: (e.g. salary, SSI, Social Security, Food Stamps, child support, etc.).

### *Willingness to partner –*

- \* You/Your family must complete 300 hours of volunteer sweat-equity by helping to build houses, attending Partnership Classes & Family Focus meetings on personal finances, budgeting, developing better credit, home & lawn maintenance, helping with fund raising, office work, mailings and other HFH projects.
- \* A \$600 down payment and first year's insurance premium are required for a total of \$1,600. These payments must begin upon acceptance and paid over a period of months. Payments must be completed prior to closing on the house.

### *Residence –*

- \* You/Your family must have resided in Etowah County for at least one (1) year.



**NOTE:** Habitat does not do repairs on homes.