

Dear Potential Habitat Partner,

Thank you for your interest in our homeownership program. Please read this letter carefully to see if you meet the requirements for partnership with Columbia County Habitat for Humanity. To be selected for homeownership, you need to meet all the following criteria:

1) **Steady Income**: which is necessary to meet your mortgage payments as well as provide for utilities (heat, electric, water, refuse, etc.), homeownership insurance, taxes, and necessary maintenance. We aim to serve families whose annual gross income falls between 50 to 75% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Columbia County.

2) Need for housing:

a. You are currently living in **sub-standard housing** (e.g., leaking roof, overcrowding, unsafe neighborhood, inadequate heat or sanitary conditions, structural problems).

-OR-

- b. **Financial need for housing**: It can also mean that you are paying more than 30% of your gross income on rent (cost-burdened). In other words, if more than 30% of your gross household income is going to keeping a roof over your head and thus depriving your family of adequate nutrition, clothing, and education, you might qualify even if your current housing conditions are not considered substandard.
- 3) **Sweat equity**: You must be willing to partner with us by investing 250-300 volunteer hours (depending on family size) in Habitat projects on the build site, in the ReStore, Homebuyer Empowerment courses, etc. This constitutes your "sweat equity" in your home. Friends and family members 16 years or older can participate to help to earn hours.
- 4) **Credit**: Qualified applicants must have credit that enables them to obtain financing from a mortgage lender.
- 5) **Residency:** A U.S. citizen or a Permanent Resident Card holder.
- 6) **Ownership**: Before applying for our program, you cannot own a home or have owned a home within the last three (3) years.

Interested individuals can obtain an application via mail by calling 518-828-0892 or by emailing familyselection@columbiacountyhabitat.org. Applications may also be requested and/or downloaded at www.columbiacountyhabitat.org/own-a-home.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hurley Family Selection Coordinator



April 2023

Thank you for your interest in our Homeownership Program. Enclosed please find the homeownership application. Complete all pages and sign were indicated for both the applicant and co-applicant (if applicable).

- Please make sure to *list all income sources* (listed below), *debts* (auto loans, credit cards, student loans, etc.), and *assets* (checking/savings accounts, retirement, pensions, etc.).
- We will <u>ONLY</u> review completed applications, so please make sure that you complete every section of the application.
- Submit the following related documents with your completed application.

Financial Documents: (copies only)

- Paystubs: copies of eight weeks (two months) of recent paystubs for ALL members of the family 18 or older earning an income.
- Tax returns and W2s: copies of two years of most recent tax returns and W2s for ALL members of the family age 18 or older.

Additional sources of income, if applicable: (copies only) If you receive any of the following, please submit documentation of monthly amount, timeframe, etc.

- Alimony or Child Support (Received or Paid)
- Proof of SSI, Social Security and/or disability for any household member regardless of their age (Award Letter).
- Proof of any other additional income i.e., foster care, dependent care payments, housing voucher, etc.

Once the application is completed and the financial documents copied, it's time to submit your application! Please package your documents in a secured envelope and mail them or drop them off to Columbia County Habitat for Humanity located at 829 Route 66, Hudson, NY 12534 (we ask that you do not email your completed application for security reasons). To schedule an appointment to drop off your completed application materials, or if you need help completing. the application, please call the Habitat office at 518-828-0892 and someone will get back to you.

If you need any assistance with the application or have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact me at (845) 340-0907 ext. 105 or email familyselection@columbiacountyhabitat.org.

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Application

Date of adverse action letter:

Habitat Homeownership Program

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity 829 Route 66 Hudson, NY 12534 (518) 828-0892



We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

• • •					anity homeownership program t ance with our privacy policy.	ruthfully, completely and acc	curately.	
Type of credit	☐ I am applying for individual credit. ☐ I am applying for joint credit . Total number of borrowers: ☐ Each borrower intends to apply for joint credit. Your initials:							
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	Applicant					Co-applicant		
Applicant's nai	me:				Co-applicant's name:			
Alternative and	I former names:				Alternative and former name) \$:		
Social Security	number				Social Security number			
Home phone ()				Home phone ()			
Cell phone ()				Cell phone ()			
)				Work phone ()			
Age	Date of birth (mm/dd/	/yyyy)			Age Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)			
	Separated Unmarried property, registered reciprocal beneficiary				☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ domestic partnership, registered recipr	· -		
Dependents and Name	d others who will live with yo	u: Age		Female	Dependents and others who w Name	- ,	Male Female	
	(street, city, state, ZIP code		□ Rent		Present address (street, city, sta			
Number of years	::				Number of years:			
If you ha	ve lived at your present ac	Idress for les	ss than tv	vo years, o	complete the following, for all a	ddresses during the past tw	o years:	
Previous address	s(es) (street, city, state, ZIP	code): 🗆 C	wn 🗆	Rent	Previous address(es) (street, ci	ty, state, ZIP code):	☐ Rent	
Number of years:			Number of years:					
	FO	R OFFICE	USE OI	NLY — D	O NOT WRITE IN THIS SPA	ACE		
Date received:					Date of selection committee a	pproval:		
Date of notice of incomplete application letter:			Date of board approval:					

Date of partnership agreement:

1B. MILITAR	RY SERVICE
Did you (or your deceased spouse) serve, or are you currently serving, in the L	United States Armed Forces?
(Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Reserve or	National Guard) ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, check all that apply:	
☐ Currently serving on active duty with projected expiration date of servi	ce/tour/ (mm/dd/yyyy)
☐ Currently retired, discharged, or separated from service	
Only period of service was as a non-activated member of the Reserve	or National Guard
☐ Surviving spouse	o Armod Forces 2
Is anyone else in your household serving, or did they serve, in the United State	s armed Forces? Lifes Lino
If yes, check all that apply: □ Currently serving on active duty with projected expiration date of servi	ice/tour/ (mm/dd/yyyy)
☐ Currently retired, discharged, or separated from service	ce/tour/(fillfi/dd/yyyy)
☐ Only period of service was as a non-activated member of the Reserve	e or National Guard
2. WILLINGNES	S TO PARTNER
To be considered for the Habitat homeownership program, you and your	I AM WILLING TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED
household members must be willing to complete a certain number of "sweat-	SWEAT-EQUITY HOURS:
equity" hours, which may include hours spent helping to build your home and	Yes No
the homes of others, attending homeownership classes, and/or other approved activities.	Applicant
approved activities.	Со-аррисант
3 PRESENT HOUS	SING CONDITIONS
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Currently, are you: \square Renting \square Rent-free \square Own Number of bedrooms (please circle): 1 2 3 4	5
Other rooms in the place where you are currently living:	☐ Bathroom ☐ Living room ☐ Diningroom
Other (please describe):	
In the space below, describe the condition of the house or apartment where	e you live. Why do you need a Habitat home?
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If you rent your current residence, please supply a copy of you bank statement or canceled rent	our lease and a copy of the most recent money order receipt, check to evidence rent payment.
Name, address and phone number of current landlord:	
4 DDODEDTV	INFORMATION
☐ I do not own any real estate (move to Section 5).	INFORMATION
If you own your residence, what is your monthly mortgage payment (including	
insurance, etc.)? \$/month Unpaid balance \$	Monthly payment (including taxes, insurance, etc.) \$
If you wish your property to be considered for building your Habitat home, pleas Note: A separate approval process will apply with respect to any such requests through the Habitat program.	

5. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION					
Applicant	Co-applicant				
☐ Does not apply.		□ Do	es not apply.		
Name and address of CURRENT employer: Start date (mm/dd/		Name and address of CURRENT employer:		Start date (mm/dd/yyyy):	
	Annual (gross) wages:			Annual (gross) wages:	
Type of business:	Business phone:	Type of business:		Business phone:	
If working at o	current job less than one y	ear, complete the following inform	ation.		
Name and address of PREVIOUS employer:	Years on this job:	Name and address of PREVIOUS employer:		Years on this job:	
	Annual (gross) wages:			Annual (gross) wages:	
Type of business:	Business phone:	Type of business:		Business phone:	
□ Check if you are the business owner or are self-employed. □ I have an ownership share of less than 25%. □ I have an ownership share of 25% or more. Monthly income (or loss) \$				FE: Self-employed I be required to provide cuments such as tax nancial statements.	

6. MONTHLY INCOME						
Income source	Applicant	Co-applicant	Others in household	Total		
Salary/wages (gross)	\$	\$	\$	\$		
TANF	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Alimony	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Child support	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Social Security	\$	\$	\$	\$		
SSI	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Disability	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Housing voucher (e.g., Section 8)	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Unemployment benefits	\$	\$	\$	\$		
VA compensation	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Retirement (e.g., pension)	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Military entitlements	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Other:	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$		

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHOSE INCOME IS LISTED ABOVE								
Name	Name Income source Monthly income Date of birth							

7. SOURCE OF DOWN PAYMENT AND CLOSING COSTS	
Where will you get the money to make the down payment or pay for closing costs (for example, savings or gifts from family member or others; any grants for which you have or intend to apply)? If you borrow the money, whom will you borrow it from, and how will you pay it back?	
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		8. ASSETS			
Type of asset and name of bank, savings and loan, credit union, retirement account, etc. (Do not include land here.)	Address	City, state	ZIP	Account number	Current balance/ value/vested amount (if applicable)
					\$
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					\$
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					\$
					\$
					\$

9. LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES						
TO WHOM DO YOU OWE MONEY?		Applicant		Co-applicant		
Account	Monthly payment	Unpaid balance	Months left to pay	Monthly payment	Unpaid balance	Months left to pay
Auto Ioan	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Installment (e.g., boat, personal loan)	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Lease (e.g., furniture, appliances — includes rent-to-own)	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Alimony/separate maintenance	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Child support	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Revolving (e.g., credit cards)	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Student loan debt	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Open 30 days (balance paid monthly, e.g., travel card)	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Medical debt	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Total	\$	\$		\$	\$	

MONTHLY EXPENSES							
Account Applicant Co-applicant Total							
Rent	\$	\$	\$				
Utilities (electricity, water, gas)	\$	\$	\$				
Insurance (rental, car, health, etc.)	\$	\$	\$				
Child care	\$	\$	\$				
Internet service	\$	\$	\$				
Cell phone	\$	\$	\$				

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10. DECLARATIONS					
Please check the box beside the word that best answers the following questions for you and the co-applicant.	Applicant	Co-applicant			
a. Are there any outstanding judgments because of a court decision against you?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
b. Have you declared bankruptcy within the past seven years? If YES, identify the type(s) of bankruptcy: Chapter 7 Chapter 11 Chapter 12 Chapter 13	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
c. Have you had any property foreclosed upon in the past seven years?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
d. Are you party to a lawsuit in which you potentially have any personal financial liability?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
e. Have you conveyed title to any property in lieu of foreclosure or completed a pre-foreclosure sale or short sale (where the lender agreed to accept less than the outstanding mortgage balance due) within the past seven years?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
f. Are you currently delinquent or in default on any federal debt or any other loan, mortgage financial obligation or loan guarantee?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
g. Are you a co-signer or guarantor on any debt of loan that is not disclosed on this application?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
h. Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Note: If you answered "yes" to any question a through g, or "no" to Question h, please explain on a separate piece of paper	Note: If you answered "yes" to any question a through g, or "no" to Question h, please explain on a separate piece of paper.				

11. AUTHORIZATION, AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

I understand that by filing this application, I am authorizing Habitat for Humanity to evaluate my actual need for the Habitat homeownership program, my ability to repay an affordable loan and other expenses of homeownership, and my willingness to be a partner through sweat equity and otherwise according to Habitat for Humanity policy.

I understand that the evaluation will include personal visits, a credit check and employment verification (if applicable). I have answered all the questions on this application truthfully and accurately, and if any of the information provided changes after I submit this application, I will supplement this application, as applicable. I understand that if I have not answered the questions truthfully, accurately or completely, or fail to supplement this application as necessary to maintain its accuracy and completeness, my application may be denied, and that even if I have already been selected to receive a Habitat home, I may be disqualified from the program and forfeit any rights or claims to a Habitat home. The original or a copy of this application will be retained by Habitat for Humanity even if the application is not approved.

If this application is created as (or converted into) an "electronic application," I consent to the use of "electronic records" and "electronic signatures" as the terms are defined in and governed by applicable federal and/or state electronic transaction laws. I intend to sign and have signed this application either using my: (a) electronic signature or (b) a written signature and agree that if a paper version of this application is converted into an electronic application, the application will be an electronic record, and the representation of my written signature on this application will be my binding electronic signature.

I also understand that Habitat for Humanity screens all applicants on the sex offender registry. By completing this application, I am submitting myself to such an inquiry. I further understand that by completing this application, I am submitting myself to a criminal background check.

Applicant signature	Date	Co-applicant signature	Date
X		x	

PLEASE NOTE: If more space is needed to complete any part of this application, please use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. Please mark your additional comments with "A" for applicant or "C" for co-applicant.

12. RIGHT TO RECEIVE COPY OF APPRAISAL

This is to notify you that if you qualify for the homeownership program and complete the program requirements, we may order an appraisal to determine the value of a home that you may be eligible to purchase, and we may charge you for this appraisal. Upon completion of the appraisal, we will promptly provide a copy to you, even if the loan does not close.

Applicant's name	Co-applicant's name

13. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

PLEASE READ THIS STATEMENT BEFORE COMPLETING THE BOX BELOW:

☐ By mail

☐ By telephone

The purpose of collecting this information is to help ensure that all applicants are being treated fairly, that the housing needs of communities and neighborhoods are being fulfilled, and to otherwise evaluate our programs and report to our funders. For residential mortgage lending, Federal law requires that we ask applicants for their demographic information (ethnicity, sex and race) in order to monitor our compliance with equal credit opportunity, fair housing and home mortgage disclosure laws. You are not required to provide this information but are encouraged to do so. You may select one or more designations for "Ethnicity" and one or more designations for "Race." The law provides that we may not discriminate on the basis of this information or on whether you choose to provide it. However, if you choose not to provide the information and you have made this application in person, federal regulations require us to note your ethnicity, sex and race on the basis of visual observation or surname. The law also provides that we may not discriminate on the basis of age or marital status information you provide in this application. If you do not wish to provide some or all of this information, please check below.

Applicant		Co-appli	cant
Ethnicity (check one or more): Hispanic or Latino Mexican Puerto Rican Cu Other Hispanic or Latino – Origin: For example: Argentinean, Colombian, Do Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on. Not Hispanic or Latino I do not wish to provide this information		Ethnicity (check one or more): Hispanic or Latino Mexican Puerto Rican Other Hispanic or Latino – Origin: For example: Argentinean, Colombia Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on. Not Hispanic or Latino I do not wish to provide this information	-
Sex: □ Female □ Male □ I do not wish to	provide this information	Sex: □ Female □ Male □ I do not	wish to provide this information
	Filipino Vietnamese	Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaska Native — Name of enrolled or principal tribe: Asian Asian Indian Chinese Japanese Korean Other Asian — race:	☐ Filipino ☐ Vietnamese
For example: Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pak	xistani, Cambodian, and so on.		ai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.
 □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander □ Native Hawaiian □ Guamanian or Other Pacific Islander — race: □ Other Pacific Islander — race: For example: Fijian, Tongan, and so on. □ White 	Chamorro □ Samoan	 □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islan □ Native Hawaiian □ Guamania □ Other Pacific Islander — race: For example: Fijian, Tongan, and so □ White 	an or Chamorro Samoan
☐ I do not wish to provide this information		\square I do not wish to provide this informatio	n
То b	e completed only by the p	erson conducting the interview	
Was the ethnicity of the Borrower collected on t Was the sex of the Borrower collected on the b Was the race of the Borrower collected on the b	asis of visual observation or su	rname?	
This application was taken by: □ Face-to-face interview (included electronic media w/video component)	Interviewer's name (print or ty	pe)	Interviewer's phone number Date

14. UNMARRIED ADDENDUM
FOR BORROWER SELECTING THE UNMARRIED STATUS
Lender instructions for using the Unmarried Addendum: The lender may use the Unmarried Addendum only when a borrower selected "Unmarried" in Section 1 and the information collected is necessary to determine how state property laws directly or indirectly affecting creditworthiness apply, including ensuring clear title. For example, the lender may use the Unmarried Addendum when the borrower resides in a state that recognizes civil unions, domestic partnerships or registered reciprocal beneficiary relationships or when the property is located in such a state. "State" means any state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States.
If you selected "Unmarried" in Section 1: Is there a person who is not your legal spouse but who currently has real property rights similar to those of a legal spouse? No Yes
If YES, indicate the type of relationship and the state in which the relationship was formed. For example, indicate if you are in a civil union, domestic partnership, registered reciprocal beneficiary relationship, or other relationship recognized by the state in which you currently reside or where the property is located.
☐ Civil union ☐ Domestic partnership ☐ Registered reciprocal beneficiary relationship

☐ Other (explain): __

State: __

Equal Credit Opportunity Act Notice

The Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits creditors from discriminating against credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or age (provided the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract); because all or part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program; or because the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. The federal agency that monitors compliance with this law concerning this company is the Federal Trade Commission, with offices at the **Northeast Region, 1 Bowling Green, New York, NY 10004,** or Federal Trade Commission, Equal Credit Opportunity, Washington, DC 20580.

You need not disclose income from alimony, child support or separate maintenance payment if you choose not to do so. However, because we operate a Special Purpose Credit Program, we may request and require, in order to determine an applicant's eligibility for the program and the affordable mortgage amount, information regarding the applicant's marital status; alimony, child support and separate maintenance income; and the spouse's financial resources.

Accordingly, if you receive income from these sources and do not provide this information with your application, your application will be considered incomplete, and we will be unable to invite you to participate in the Habitat program.

Applicant(s):	
X	x
Print name:	Print name:
Date:	Date:

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Applicant(s):	
X	x
Print name:	Print name:
Date:	Date:

FACTS	WHAT DOES COLUMBIA COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?	
Why?	Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.	
What?	The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include: • Social Security Number and Income • Account balances and payment history • Credit history and credit scores	
All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Columbia County Habitat chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.		

Reasons we can share your personal	Does Columbia County Habitat	Can you limit this
information	share?	Sharing?
For our everyday business purposes – such as		
to process your transactions, maintain your		
account(s), respond to court orders and legal		
investigations, or to report to credit bureaus	YES	NO
For our marketing purposes – to offer our		
products and services to you	YES	NO
For joint marketing with other financial		
companies	NO	
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes –		
information about your transactions	NO	
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes –		
information about your creditworthiness	YES	NO
For our affiliates to market to you	NO	
For non-affiliates to market to you	NO	

What we do		
How does Columbia County Habitat protect my persona information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files in office.	
How does Columbia County Habitat collect my personal information?	We collect your personal information when you: • Make an application for Partnership	
Why can't I limit all sharing?	 Federal law gives you the right to limit only: Sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness Affiliates from using your information to market to you Sharing for non-affiliates to market to you State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing. 	
Definitions		
Affiliates	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and non-financial companies	
Non-affiliates	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and non-financial companies	
Joint Marketing	A formal agreement between non-affiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.	