

# Instructions for Homestead Application

- Homestead Credit is available to all homeowners who own and occupy a residence.

**It is a one-time only sign up and is valid for as long as you own and occupy the home.**

- The annual deadline is **July 1**. Any applications submitted after July 1 will be applied to the following tax year.
  - Example: If the application is signed **before** July 1, 2024, the credit will apply to taxes payable September 2025-March 2026. If signed **after** July 1, 2024, the credit will apply to taxes payable September 2026-March 2027.
- For parcel number and information regarding your property, please visit our website at: [www.johnson-ia-assessor.org](http://www.johnson-ia-assessor.org) or call **(319) 356-6078**.

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## Submit application:

**NOTE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COUNTY ONLY - FOR CITY OF IOWA CITY VISIT:**

<https://iowacity.iowaassessors.com/>

**Electronic Submission via Beacon Website**

**[www.johnson-ia-assessor.org](http://www.johnson-ia-assessor.org)**

*Directions: Click Property Search ⇒ Agree to Terms and Conditions ⇒ Search for your Property ⇒ Scroll down ⇒ Click on link that reads [Apply Online for the Iowa Homestead Tax Credit](#)*

- A verification email notice will be sent from beacon after we receive the application.

**By Email: [cellery@johnsoncountyiowa.gov](mailto:cellery@johnsoncountyiowa.gov)**

## **By Mail**

Johnson County Assessor  
913 S Dubuque St.  
Iowa City, IA 52240

Complete all highlighted fields on the application. You may type directly in the form. Sign, date.

- Submit Completed form and email/ mail a copy to the address above c/o Candy Ellery.
- Save a copy of the submitted form for your records.
- This application needs Adobe Reader in order to print correctly. If you are using an older version of Adobe Reader, you may download now to get a free updated version from: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

This application must be filed or postmarked to your city or county assessor on or before July 1 of the year in which the credit or exemption is first claimed. Upon filing and allowance of the claim, the claim is allowed on that homestead for successive years without further filing as long as the person qualifies for the homestead credit or exemption. A claim filed after July 1 of the year for which the person is claiming the credit or exemption shall be considered a claim filed for the following year. Contact information for all assessors can be found at the Iowa State Association of Assessors website: [iowa-assessors.org](http://iowa-assessors.org)

**Print property information**

Parcel number: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner birth date\*: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Owner #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner birth date\*: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\*Beginning with assessment year 2023, claimants aged 65 years or older may claim a homestead exemption in addition to the homestead credit.

Property location address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Property owner mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of ownership (check one): Deed:  Contract:  Inheritance:  Other: 

Evidence of ownership on file in book/page or instrument number: \_\_\_\_\_

I began to occupy this homestead on this date: \_\_\_\_\_ and will occupy the dwelling house, in good faith, on July 1 and for at least six months during that calendar year, or I am confined in a nursing home, extended-care facility, or hospital and the homestead is maintained and not leased or rented, or I am on active duty in the military.

I declare residency in Iowa for purposes of income taxation and that no other application for homestead credit or exemption has been filed on other property.

Previous address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you still own the previous address?

Yes  No  If Yes, is the property for sale  or rent ?

Was this property part of a distribution made pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 598 (Dissolution of Marriage)?

Yes  No

I certify that a smoke detector or smoke detectors meeting the requirements of Iowa Code section 10A.518 and Iowa Administrative Code chapter 661—210:

has been installed:  **or** will be installed within 30 days of filing this application:

This homestead contains a fuel-fired heater or appliance, a fireplace, or an attached garage:

Yes  No

If Yes, I certify that a carbon monoxide alarm meeting the requirements of Iowa Code section 10A.518:

has been installed:  **or** will be installed within 30 days of filing this application:

An eligible owner was 65 years old or older on or before January 1 of the year of this application and is claiming the homestead exemption.

Yes  No

I, the undersigned, declare under penalties of perjury or false certificate, that I have examined this application, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Written notification must be given to the assessor upon conveyance of this property or its discontinued use as your homestead.**

**ASSESSOR USE ONLY**

Assessor or authorized representative:

Parcel number: \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend that the application for credit be: Allowed:  Disallowed:

If the claimant is claiming the homestead exemption, I recommend that the application for exemption be: Allowed:  Disallowed:

If the assessor recommends disallowance, provide reasons for the recommendation below:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of supervisors: Allowed:  Disallowed:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_