

"Seeking to put God's Love into Action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope"

Dear potential Family,

Thank you for your interest in obtaining a Yakima Valley Partner Habitat for Humanity (Habitat) home. Since 1984, we have helped 203 families and over 855 individuals achieve strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Unfortunately, statistics tell us that one in six households in the U.S. pays more than 30 percent of their income for housing and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food or clothing. Therefore, we have spent the past 35 years partnering with those who want to build better lives for themselves. We know, and have seen the data, that people thrive physically, mentally and financially when their home environment improves.

By working with prospective homeowners, from beginning to end, we help individuals prepare for the various responsibilities of homeownership, including learning about personal finances, mortgages, maintenance and upkeep of homes, and much more.

Habitat's path to homeownership is an important and in-depth process, requiring hard work, time and dedication. However, this helps to ensure the long-term success of Habitat homeowners.

Habitat homeowners must be active participants in building a better home and future for themselves and their families. Every Habitat home is an investment. For us, it is one answer to a critical need, and we believe that stronger homes will create stronger communities.

- Prospective Habitat homeowners must demonstrate a need for safe, affordable housing. Need varies from community to community.
- Once selected, Habitat homeowners must partner with us throughout the process. This partnership requires performing sweat equity in construction and homeownership classes.
- Homeowners must demonstrate the ability to pay a mortgage. Mortgage payments are cycled back into the community to help build additional Habitat houses.

Habitat follows a nondiscriminatory policy of homebuyer selection. Neither race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or age are factors in the selection process.

In every Habitat home, you find the work and dedication of so many people, working with a common goal: helping another family build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

It takes every nail, every board and every gallon of paint to finish a Habitat home, it also takes every hour of hard work by future homeowners and volunteers, every ounce of support from generous donors, and every bit of building expertise to guide the construction process.

Please complete the attached program forms completely, also include copies of the requested documents. Return the completed application packet to the Habitat Administration office. Once we have received and confirmed your application as complete, our Homeowners Services Department will contact you for an intake appointment.

In Partnership,

Homeowner Services Director Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity 21 W Mead Ave Ste 110 Yakima WA 98902 509-453-8077



Attention! Yakima County Residents

<u>Have you ever dreamed of purchasing a home?</u> Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity is building single family homes in the Yakima County for families that qualify for a special financing program as first-time homebuyers.

To qualify, applicants **MUST**:

- Demonstrate a need for adequate housing
- Ability to re-pay a mortgage
- Be willing to partner
- Earn between 30-80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Yakima County and Earn above 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI).
- Meet a total household debt income ratio that does not exceed 41% of total household monthly gross income
- First time homebuyer/Not owned a home within the last three years
- Must be a Citizen or Permanent Resident of the US
- Must live in the Yakima County
- Credit score of 640 at time of purchase
- Pass criminal background check

The following chart shows, by household size, the maximum 80% and minimum 30% area median incomes that qualify for Habitat's financing programs.

	Area Median Income Levels based o	n Family Size for 2023
Household Size	Lower Income Limit (30% of median) *	Low Income Limits (80% of median) *
1	\$17,550	\$46,800
2	\$20,050	\$53,467
3	\$22,550	\$60,133
4	\$25,050	\$66,800
5	\$27,100	\$72,267
6	\$29,100	\$77,600
7	\$31,100	\$82,933
8	\$33,100	\$88,267

To learn more about the Home Build Program please visit yakimahabitat.org or call (509)453-8077 line 3.



Home Build Program Document Checklist

To speed up your Home Build application process, please take a moment to review the enclosed information and documents. Please bring **original personal identification** documents when submitting your application-the office will make copies. All other required documents can be copies. Please provide all necessary documents to the administrative office when ready to complete the application. *Note: Incomplete applications WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.*

HOME BUILD PROGRAM – DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS

- _____ Intake Application
- Authorization to release information
- Equal Credit Opportunity Act Notice
- _____ Media Release
- Privacy Policy & Practices
- Cancellation Policy
- Willingness to Partner Agreement

PERSONAL INDENTIFICATION INFORMATION - (MUST BE A U.S. CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT)

- Photo State ID/Driver's License
- _____ Permanent Residency Card if applicable
- _____ US Citizen: US Passport or Birth Certificate
- _____ Social Security card –for adults only
- _____ Birth Certificates for all children in the household

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

- _____4 Most Recent Pay stubs for all adults in the household
- _____ Benefit/Award Letters if applicable (Social Security, Disability, Pension, VA Benefits,
- Food Stamp Benefits and Public Assistance)
- _____ Child Support Court Order and/or proof of receipt of child support for the past 12 months
- W-2 Forms and/or 1099's for the last two years
- _____ Tax Returns for last two years

BANK INFORMATION

Checking/Savings/Money Market/IRA/Investment Account Statements last 2 months

OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Copy of a utility bill and/or Residential rent contract Complete set of bankruptcy packet and discharge letter (if filed within the last 7 years) Divorce Decree packet (all pages)

FEES

For your scheduled appointment, please submit a **Credit Report Fee** of **\$48.00** for each individual applying and a **\$6.00** fee for a criminal background check for all adults (18+). *MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER CHECKS ONLY. NO PERSONAL CHECKS. THANK YOU.* Please make it payable to **YVP Habitat for Humanity.**





Application

OFFICE USE ONLY – DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Date received:

Date of selection: _____

Date of board approval: _____

Date of partnership agreement: _

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.

		1. APPLI	CANT INFORMATION		
	APPLICANT		CO-APPL	ICANT	
Applicant's Name:			Co-applicant's name:		
 Social Security Number			Social Security Number		
Contact Number			Contact Number		
□ □ Married □ Separated □	Unmarried (single,	divorced, widowed)	☐ Married □ Separated □	Unmarried (single, dive	orced, widowed)
□Other			□Other		
Email			Email		
Dependents and others w listed by co-applicant)	ho will live with	you (not	Dependents and others where the listed by co-applicant)	no will live with yo	ou (not
Name	DOB	Gender	Name	DOB	Gender
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Present address (street, ci	ty, state, ZIP cod	le)	Present address (street, cit	y, state, ZIP code):	1
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			s than two years, complete		
Present address (street, ci	ty, state, ZIP cod	le)	Present address (street, cit	y, state, ZIP code)	1
□Own □Rent \$N	umber of years		□Own □Rent \$N	umber of years	

2. PRESE	ENT HOUSEHOLD CONDITIONS
Number of bedrooms $\Box 1 \Box 2 \Box 3 \Box 4 \Box 5$ If more,	, how many?
Other rooms in the place where you are currently li	iving:
\Box Kitchen \Box Bathroom \Box Living room \Box Dining roo	om
\Box Other (please explain)	
If you rent your residence, what is your monthly re	nt payment? \$ /month
(Please supply a copy of your lease or a copy of a m	noney order receipts or canceled rent check.)
Name of current landlord:	Phone Number
Address	
City State ZIP	
Home?	
APPLICANT	IPLOYMENT INFORMATION CO-APPLICANT
Name and address of CURRENT employer	Name and address of CURRENT employer
Hire date	Hire date
Monthly Wage \$	Monthly Wage \$
Position/Title	Position/Title
If employed in current job for	r less than two years, complete the following:
Name and address of PREVIOUS employer	Name and address of PREVIOUS employer
Hire date	Hire date
Phone Number	Phone Number

			4. MONTHLY INCOME		
Income source	Appli	cant	Co-applicant	Others in household	TOTAL
Wages	\$		\$	\$	\$
TANF	\$		\$	\$	\$
Alimony	\$		\$	\$	\$
Child Support	\$		\$	\$	\$
Food Stamps	\$		\$	\$	\$
SSI	\$		\$	\$	\$
Disability	\$		\$	\$	\$
Social Security	\$		\$	\$	\$
Other:	\$		\$	\$	\$
Other:	\$		\$	\$	\$
TOTAL:	\$		\$	\$	\$
PLEASE NOTE:				SE INCOME IS LISTED ABO	1
Self-employed appli- cants may be required	Nar	ne	Income source	Monthly Income	DOB
to provide additional					
documentation such as					
tax returns and financial					
statements.					
			5. MONTHLY EXPENSES		
			APPLICANT	CO-APPLICANT	
Rent		\$		\$	
Renter's Insurance		\$		\$	
Electricity		\$		\$	
Gas/Propane		\$		\$	
WSG		\$		\$	
Home Phone/cell phone	Э	\$		\$	
Cable TV/ Internet		\$		\$	
Union dues		\$		\$	
Medical Bills/Pharmacy		\$		\$	
Auto Payment		\$		\$	
Auto Insurance		\$		\$	
Car expenses (gas/mai	ntenance)	\$		\$	
Groceries		\$		\$	
Household expenses		\$		\$	
Other:		\$		\$	
Other:		\$		\$	
Other:		\$		\$	
TOTAL:		\$		\$	

Where will you get the money to make the down payment or pay for closing costs (for example, savings or parent of you borrow the money, whom will you borrow it from, and how will you pay it back?	nts)?
7. ASSETS	
Name of bank, savings,	ent
loans, and credit Address City, State, ZIP Account Number Bala	nce
union, etc	
8. DEBT	
TO WHOM DO YOU AND THE CO-APPLICANT(S) OWE MONEY?	
Account APPLICANT CO-APPLICANT	
Monthly Unpaid Months left to Monthly Unpaid Months I	eft to
payment balance pay Payment balance pay	
Auto Loan \$ \$ \$	
Furniture \$ \$ \$	
Child Support \$ \$ \$	
Alimony \$ \$ \$	
Credit Card \$ \$	
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Credit Card \$ \$ \$ \$ Other: \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	

9. De	eclarations	
Please write yes or no beside the questions that best answ	vers the following questions for y	ou and the co-applicant.
	APPLICANT	CO-APPLICANT
Do you have any outstanding judgments because of a		
court decision against you?		
Have you been declared bankrupt within the past seve	n	
years?		
Have you had property foreclosed on or deed in lieu of		
foreclosure in the past seven years?		
Are you currently involved in a lawsuit?		
Have you directly or indirectly been obligated on any lo	ban,	
which resulted in foreclosure, transfer of title in lieu of		
foreclosure, or judgment?		
Are you currently delinquent or in default on any federa	al	
debt or any other loan, mortgage financial obligation o	r	
loan guarantee?		
Are you paying alimony or child support or separate		
maintenance?		
Are you a co-signer or endorser on any loan?		
Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?		
If you answered "yes" to any question a through h, or	"no" to question I, please expla	ain on a separate piece
of p	aper	
10. WILLIN	G TO PARTNER	
To be considered for Habitat homeownership, you	I AM WILLING TO COMPLETE TH	E REQUIRED SWEAT-
and your family must be willing to complete 500	EQUITY HOURS:	
hours of "sweat equity". Your help in building your		
home and the homes of others is called "sweat	Applicant 🛛 🖓 Yes 🖓 No	
equity" and may include clearing the lot, painting,	Co-applicant □Yes □No	
helping with construction, working in the Habitat		
store, attending homeownership classes or other		
approved activities.		
11. AUTHORIZ	ATION TO RELEASE	
I understand that by filing this application, I am authori		
evaluate my actual need for the Habitat Homebuild Pa		•
and other expenses of homeownership, and my willing	ness to be a partner through s	weat equity.
I understand that the evaluation will include personal v		
have answered all the questions on this application tru		
questions truthfully, my application may be denied and		
Habitat home, I may be disqualified from the program	and forfeit any rights or claims	to a habitat home.
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I also understand that Yakima Valley Partners Habitat		
offender registry, by completing this application, I am s		
understand that by completing this application, I am su	iomitting mysell to a criminal ba	ackground check and
credit check.		
Applicant's Signature Date	Co-applicant's Signature	Date
PLEASE NOTE: If more space is needed to complete any part of		
attach it to this application. Please mark your additional comments		

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

TO:_____

RE:

I have applied for or obtained a loan or grant from Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity. As part of the process or in considering me for interest credit, payment assistance, or other servicing assistance on such loan, Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity may verify information contained in my request for assistance and in other documents required in connection with the request.

I authorize you to provide to Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity for verification purposes the following applicable information:

- Past and present employment or income records.
- Bank account, stock holdings, and any other asset balances.
- Past and present landlord references.
- Any consumer credit references

If the request is for a new loan or grant, I further authorize Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity to order a consumer credit report and verify other credit information. *(could be removed)

I understand that under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, 12 U.S.C. 3401, et seq., Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity is authorized to access my financial records held by financial institutions in connection with the consideration or administration of assistance to me. I also understand that financial records involving my loan and loan application will be available to Yakima Valley Partners Habitat For Humanity without further notice or authorization, but will not be disclosed or released by Yakima Valley Partners Habitat For Humanity to another Government agency or department or used for another purpose without my consent except as required or permitted by law. This authorization is valid throughout the program process or life of the loan, whichever is longer.

The information Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity obtains is only to be used to process my request for a loan or grant, interest credit, payment assistance, or other servicing assistance. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Privacy Policy and Practices information. I understand that if I have requested interest credit or payment assistance, this authorization to release information will cover any future requests for such assistance and that I will not be re-notified of the Privacy Act information unless the Privacy Act information has changed concerning use of such information.

A copy of this authorization may be accepted as an original.

Your prompt reply is appreciated.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Co-applicant's Signature



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, 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 FTC Northwest Region for Washington State, 915 Second Ave Room 2896, Seattle WA 98174 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 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 Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity's program.

Applicant(s):

Applicant's signature

Printed name

Date

Co-applicant's signature

Printed name



YAKIMA VALLEY PARTNERS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEDIA RELEASE FORM

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I, ________ and______ (in the case of a minor) the parent having legal custody and/or the legal guardian of______, _______ hereby grant to Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity ("YVP HFH") and their successors and assigns, full authorization and the absolute right and permission to record my appearance, performance and voice, and to use, in edited or unedited form, the results and proceeds thereof in connection with the filming, videotaping and/or audio taping of this event or future events of the whole household listed in the application packet submitted to Habitat.

I also grant YVP HFH the absolute right to sell, assign, convey, reproduce, copyright, use or publish photographic and/or audio reproductions, portraits, or pictures of me, motion picture or video tape pictures of me, in any manner, in any broadcast or non-broadcast media, including electronic computer media, in perpetuity, or in which I may be included in whole, in part or in composite, in conjunction with my own or any other picture, product, person or reproduction, in color or otherwise, made through any media at its studios or elsewhere, for art, advertising, commerce, business or trade or any other lawful purpose whatsoever.

I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect of approve the finished product or the advertising copy which may be used in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless YVP HFH, its nominees, designees, successors and assigns, or others for whom they are acting, from any liability of any nature or description by virtue of any use whatsoever, whether intentional or otherwise, from any change that may occur or be produced in the taking of said picture or pictures, in-any processing tending towards the completion of the finished product, unless it can be shown that said use or change is solely for the purpose of subjecting me to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

Applicant's signature	t's signature	Applicant's
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Printed name

Date

Co-applicant's signature

Printed name





CANCELLATION POLICY

Partnership is a critical part of our homeownership program. Missing appointments shows an inability and or unwillingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity. It is important for applicants to keep all their scheduled appointments with Habitat for Humanity.

Rescheduling Appointments:

We understand situations come up occasionally requiring a need to reschedule your appointments. If a situation rises that will require you to reschedule an appointment with Habitat, please call the Habitat office at 509-453-8077 as soon as you know that you will not be able to keep the appointment. We require **24-hour advance** notice to reschedule your appointment, otherwise we will record it as a missed appointment.

Missed Appointments:

All missed appointments (including cancellations with less than 24 hours' notice) will be documented in your file. If you are more than **15 minutes late** for an appointment, we will treat the appointment as a missed appointment; you will need to reschedule the appointment.

Deselection:

If you miss 3 appointments in any three-month period, your file will be presented to the board for deselection from the homeownership program for your unwillingness to partner with Habitat.

I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the cancellation policy terms.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Co-applicant's Signature

Date

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WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER POLICY

A Partnership is a critical part of our Home Build program. All applicants must keep all their financial documents updated throughout the process. It is your responsibility to submit updated financial documents monthly. It is very important that our office does not have to contact remind you to bring updated financials to keep your file up to date and current. Outdated documents and/or no contact with the Homeowner Department shows an inability and or unwillingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity.

Contacting our Office:

We understand situations come up occasionally requiring a need to extend deadlines. If a situation arises that will require you to fall behind in updating your documents, please call the Habitat office at 509-453-8077 as soon as possible. We require advance notice to keep logged in your case notes.

Missed deadlines:

If it has been more than 30 days since your last contact with YVP Habitat for Humanity we will mail a 30-day notice and record a strike in your file.

Deselection:

If you acquire **(3)** strikes, your file will be presented to the board for deselection from the homebuild program for your unwillingness to partner with Habitat.

PLEASE NOTE: You are responsible for checking in with our office every 30 days to provide updated documents—such as financial documents, bank statements, paystubs, tax returns and W-2's, Sweat Equity Timesheets, and any other income benefit letters that are applicable to you. This demonstrates your willingness to partner with our program.

I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the willingness to partner policy terms.



Applicant Signature

Date

Co-applicant Signature

Date

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Privacy Policy and Practices

We at Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity value your trust and are committed to the responsible management, use and protection of personal information. This notice describes our policy regarding the collection and disclosure of personal information. Personal information, as used in this notice, means information that identifies an individual personally and is not otherwise publicly available information. It includes personal financial information such as credit history, income, employment history, financial assets, bank account information and financial debts. It also includes your social security number and other information that you have provided us on any applications or forms that you have completed.

Information We Collect

We collect personal information to support our homebuyer education program and to aid you in shopping for and obtaining a home mortgage. We collect personal information about you from the following sources:

- Information that we receive from you on applications or other forms,
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates or others,
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency, and
- Information that we receive from personal and employment references.

Information We Disclose

We may disclose the following kinds of personal information about you:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms, such as your name, address, social security number, employer, occupation, assets, debts and income.
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates or others, such as your account balance, payment history and parties to your transactions; and
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency, such as your credit bureau reports, your credit history and your creditworthiness.

To Whom Do We Disclose

We may disclose your personal information to the following types of unaffiliated third parties:

- Financial service providers, local, state, federal funders and/or companies engaged in providing home mortgage or home equity loans, grants and down payment assistance.
- Others, such as nonprofit organizations involved in community development, but only for program review, auditing, research and oversight purposes.

We may also disclose personal information about you to third parties as permitted by law.

Prior to sharing personal information with unaffiliated third parties, except as described in this policy, we will give you an opportunity to direct that such information to not be disclosed.

Confidentiality and Security

We restrict access to personal information about you to those of our employees who need to know that information to provide products and services to you and to help them do their jobs, including underwriting and servicing of loans, making loan decisions, aiding you in obtaining loans from others, and financial counseling. We maintain physical and electronic security procedures to safeguard the confidentiality and integrity of personal information in our possession and to guard against unauthorized access. We use locked files, user authentication and detection software to protect your information. Our safeguards comply with federal regulations to guard your personal information.



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Directing Us Not to Make Disclosures to Unaffiliated Third Parties

If you prefer that we not disclose personal information about you to unaffiliated third parties, you may opt out of those disclosures, that is, you may direct us not to make those disclosures (other than disclosures permitted by law).

- If you wish to opt out of disclosures to unaffiliated third parties other than nonprofit organizations involved in community development, you may check Box 1 on the attached Privacy Choices Form.
- If you wish to opt out of disclosures to nonprofit organizations involved in community development that are used only for program review, auditing, research and oversight purposes, you may check Box 2 on the attached Privacy Choices Form.

PRIVACY CHOICES FORM-ONLY IF OPTING OUT

If you want to opt out, that is direct us not to make disclosures about your personal information (other than disclosures permitted by law) as described in this notice, check the box or boxes below to indicate your privacy choices. Then send this form to the address listed below.

OPT OUT OPTIONS:

Box 1 - Limit disclosure of personal information about me to unaffiliated third parties other than nonprofit organizations involved in community development.

Box 2 - Limit disclosure of personal information about me to nonprofit organizations involved in community development that are used only for program review, auditing, research and oversight purposes.

Name:______Signature:______Signature:______Signature:______

Phone Number: (____) ____-

If you have checked any of the boxes above, please mail this form or submit with your completed application to:

Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity 21 W Mead Ave Ste 110 Yakima, WA 98902

Please allow approximately 30 days from our receipt of your Privacy Choices Form for it to become effective. Your privacy instructions and any previous privacy instructions will remain in effect until you request a change.

Acknowledgement and receipt of information by:

Applicant's signature

Printed name

Date

Co-Applicant's signature

Printed name

