





FAMILY SELECTION APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

(Updated – February 2021)

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If you have any questions, call your Family Selection Committee Advocate.

Your Advocate is: Janet Spiering (307) 899-5644_

You can also contact our Executive Director, Nikki Hoellwarth (307) 899-4015 edirector@mshfh.org





APPLICATION COVER LETTER

(Updated January 2023)

Dear Applicant,

Mountain Spirit Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry financed through private donations and utilizing volunteer labor. Our purpose is to build homes with families and sell the houses at no profit and no interest to families who could not otherwise afford a home.

Please read the following items to see if you have an interest in our ministry AND to see if you meet our *general guidelines*:

- 1. To qualify you must have a housing need related to substandard or inadequate housing. *For example: no indoor plumbing, poor heating, leaks in the roof, overcrowding (three to a bedroom), unsafe or unsanitary conditions.*
- 2. You need to have lived and/or worked in our service area (Park County) for at least six months and be at least 18 years of age or legally emancipated.
- 3. You need to have a minimum steady income of roughly **30-60 percent of the median income for your community**; depending on family size. See chart.
- 4. With your permission, we will verify employment and other income, verify checking and savings account balances, get a statement from your current and previous landlords, have a credit check done, and ask you for credit references.
- 5. If you are approved for a Habitat home, we require your participation in programs to learn and practice budgeting, home repair, and maintenance.
- 6. If approved for a Habitat home, we require 250 hours of sweat equity to be completed prior to the completion of construction.
- 7. If approved for a Habitat home, you will be partnering with Mountain Spirit Habitat for Humanity to build a home under the direct supervision of our Construction Contractor and required to work with many volunteers with varying degrees of skill. Patience and a willingness to learn are essential. Even if you or family or friends have construction skills, you will work under the supervision of our Contractor on scheduled volunteer build days.
- 8. If approved for a Habitat home, $\frac{500}{500}$ will be needed for a down payment and closing costs. You will have some time to save this money before closing if your family is selected. Of this amount, $\frac{100}{500}$ is required prior to construction beginning on your home.
- If you are approved for a home and if you meet the sweat-equity and down payment requirements, then we will sell you a home at cost. Habitat house payments include taxes and insurance and will cost approximately <u>\$900</u> a month (The stated cost of this home is an estimate the actual cost may vary).

If you are interested in Habitat and if you believe you qualify for a home according to the above guidelines, we encourage you to fill out and return the enclosed application with required documentation.

Families not initially accepted may reapply during the next orientation and application period available.

We are very willing to help you fill out this application.

Every family is assigned a member of our Family Selection Committee to assist them in filling out their application. If you have any questions, please call them.

All applications must be received by March 31st, 2023.

All information is considered confidential and is to be used only for family selection. The application process takes between one and two and a half months.

Sincerely,

Nikki Hoellwarth Executive Director Mountain Spirit Habitat for Humanity

How does Habitat for Humanity Select Partner Families?

Families are Selected on Four Criteria:

1. Residency

- Must be a permanent, legal resident of the United States
- Must be currently living or employed in Park County continuously for the past 6 months

2. Willingness to Partner

- Agreement to complete 250 hours sweat-equity on your home
- Agreement to attend homeowner/partner workshops.
- Agreement to work with and be appreciative of volunteers and contractors who work on your home.
- Agreement to speak to the media about your home



3. Need • Income between 30% - 60%

- Income between 30% 60% of Area Median Income as their window of service.
- Overcrowded living conditions
- Substandard living conditions
- Safety and/or repairs are not being made
- Paying more than 50% of monthly income for housing

Area Median Income Limits

Family Size	30%	60%
1 person	\$17,025	\$34,050
2 people	\$19,444	\$38,887
3 people	\$21,881	\$43,762
4 people	\$24,300	\$48,600
5 people	\$26,250	\$52,500
6 people	\$28,200	\$56,400
7 people	\$30,150	\$60,300
8 people	\$32,081	\$64,163

4. Ability to Pay

- Credit score above 620
- Debt must not be excessive. Your debt payments (including your mortgage payment) each month shall not exceed 41% of your gross monthly income.
- Your monthly mortgage payment for the house being built for you, should not exceed 30% of the gross monthly income of the household
- No liens, judgments, or bankruptcies in the last 2 years
- Ability to make a \$500 down payment

Applying for a Habitat home is similar to applying for a traditional home mortgage loan. You must provide financial statements, paystubs, and credit card information.

Selection Timeline:













BASIC HOUSE STANDARDS

(Updated August 2019)

Construction to comply with local building ordinances, codes, and MSHFH covenants.

Sizes of houses shall not exceed the following limits unless special circumstances warrant increases.

- Two-bedroom house - - 100 sq. ft. (max)
- Three-bedroom house - 1,200 sq. ft. (max)
- Four bedroom house - - 1,500 sq. ft. (max)
 - 1 full bath for two bedroom home
 - 1 3/4 baths for three and four bedroom home
- Foundation (crawl space height) will have access for storage, furnace, and hot water heater.
- Weather proof steel accessibility cover for entrance to crawl space ⁱ.
- Wood frame construction - floor joists and sub-floor used will meet code requirements. Wood blocking provided for drywall, cabinets, bath fixtures and grab rails, and window coverings as needed.
- Gable roof construction (5/12 pitch max.) House will have covered front entry. Roof framing will consist of wood trusses and roof should be vented to code.
- Asphalt/fiberglass shingles. (may select color as determined by Construction Committee)
- Complete insulation package in compliance with local R rating.
- Pre-finished siding. (selection colors) Exterior siding color should coordinate with shingles selection.
- Combination fiberglass tub/wall unit in full bathroom, stool, vanity sink with light/fan combination, mirror and strip lights.
- 3/4 bath will have a toilet, sink, and shower.
- Kitchen cabinets, counter top, (may chose from color list), kitchen sink (stainless steel) provided.
- Off street parking (concrete pad 10' wide X 24'long)
- Connecting walkway(s) leading to front entrance (4'wide)
- Appliances provided: refrigerator, kitchen stove (electric or gas), washer & dryer (electric or gas)
- Phone jacks/cable jacks (6 maximum per house may chose locations)
- Ceiling light fixtures in bedrooms, kitchen and dining areas, plus hall.
- Carpeting or laminate flooring in bedrooms/living room. (may choose from options list)
- Vinyl floor covering or laminate within bath/kitchen, utility area and eating area. (may select from options list)

- Interior doors and closet doors (determined by Construction Committee 6 panel (hollow core) or slab doors.)
- Pre-finished energy efficient windows/exterior steel doors. Dead bolts provided for each exterior door.
- Heating will be a natural gas forced air system.
- Interior trim finger jointed (primed) or MDF.
- Landscaping finished yard/grassed area (basic landscaping)
- Pump and well or raw water accessibilityⁱⁱ.
- Window coverings mini blinds provided for all needed windows (may choose from color list)
- Storage Shed (8'X 8')
- Fences can be installed provided they conform to the Homeowner Association's guidelines and they are installed at the homeowner's expense.

The most economical materials/fixtures that meet the building code requirements will be used throughout. Exceptions may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

All gifts to be built into an individual house are the property of Habitat and will be determined appropriate for disposal or use by the Board of Directors.

Construction to comply with local building ordinances, codes, and MSHFH covenants.

Homeowners:

Signature(s) :_____

Date:

ⁱ Homes built with basements have no crawl space and no cover for accessing the crawl space.

ⁱⁱ Irrigation water (raw or well) is not available in all MSHFH developments. Where available and within the MSHFH budgetary restraints, irrigation water will be installed.





POLICY ON SHARED VALUE

(Adopted December 8, 2005 - revised January 2021)

In recognition of the value of volunteer efforts, in addition to donations received, that go into the construction of Habitat homes, the board of Mountain Spirit believes that the home is a shared asset between the homeowner, Mountain Spirit and the community.

Homes shall be sold to the homeowner at cost. The amount of the first mortgage that shall be carried/serviced by MSHFH, and which the homeowner shall pay on, will be the cost of the home plus the land.

At the time of closing, the home will be appraised and a second mortgage will be recorded. The amount of the second mortgage will be the difference between the appraised value at the time of closing and the amount of the first mortgage. No payments will be made on the second mortgage, unless the homeowner elects to sell their house.

If the home is sold by the homeowner at any time prior to the end of the term of the first mortgage (30 years), there shall be a sharing of the original equity value amount in the home between the homeowner and MSHFH.

Homeowners: _____

Signature(s) :_____

Date:





AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

CREDIT INQUIRY

(March 2012)

I/We have applied for a real estate loan with Mountain Spirit Habitat for Humanity. You are hereby authorized to release any information required by them to complete the processing of the loan request. Necessary credit information may include savings deposits, checking accounts, consumer credit balances, payments and history including mortgage payment records and exact balances. Such information required may include both current and past employment records regarding payroll information and tenure.

A photographic or carbon copy of this signed authorization may be deemed to be the equivalent of the original and may be used as a duplicate original.

Your prompt attention and reply will help expedite my real estate transaction.

Thank you.

CREDIT REPORT AUTHORIZATION FORM

By my signature below I, ______, authorize

_____ to obtain a Background Check and / or Consumer

Credit Report on me.

This authorization is valid for purposes of verifying information given pursuant to employment, leasing, rental, business negotiations, or any other lawful purpose covered under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA).

The Background Check may contain information available in the Public Domain but may not include interviews with persons other than previous employers or their agents.

By my signature below, I hereby authorize all corporations, former employers, credit agencies, educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, city, state, county and federal courts and agencies, military services and persons to release all information they may have about me including criminal and driving history. This authorization shall valid in original or copy form.

Applicant's Name:			
Social Security Number	::	Date of Birth:	
Provide Addresses for	the Last 7 Years		
Current Street Address:		<u>City</u> :	
<u>State</u> :	Start Date:		
Prior Street Address:		City:	
<u>State</u> :	Start Date:	End Date:	
Prior Street Address:		City:	
<u>State</u> :	Start Date:	End Date:	
Driver's License #:		<u>State</u> :	
Signature:		<u>Date</u> :	

****NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE****





Request for Verification of Rental History Created May 2009

Landlord Name				
Address		City	State	Zip
Dear	:			
Mountain Spirit Habitat for Human	ity is processing a mo	rtgage loan application for		
	who resides at			
This/these applicant(s) indicate that rental reference history as indicated			a request fo	r you to furnish
I/We authorize release of the inform	nation requested below	V:		
Signature of Applicant	Date	Signature of Co-Applica	int	Date
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FA	MILY SELECTION	COMMITTEE:		
Tenant(s) has/have rented since	Term of leas	e is months. Month	nly rent is \$	
Day of month that rent is due is	Utilit	ies are [] or are not [] incl	uded.	
Name(s) on lease are			(if diffe	rent from above).
Rental history for the last 12 month	s: Is rent in arrears? Y	es [] or No []. Amount or	wed is \$	for period
with number	er of late pa	yments.		
Is account satisfactory? Yes [] or	No []. Remarks:			
Information furnished by				
Phone number:		Date:		
5		owell, Wyoming 82435 54-7004		
		ifh.org		



Application

Habitat Homeownership Program

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.

Dear Applicant: Please complete this application to determine if you qualify for the Habitat for Humanity homeownership program. Please fill out the application as completely and accurately as possible. All information you include on this application will be kept confidential in accordance with the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION							
Applicant				Co-applicar	nt		
Applicant's name				Co-applicant's name			
Social Security number				Social Security number			
Home phone		Ag	ge	Home phone		Ag	je
🗆 Married 🗆 Separated 🗆 Unmarr	ied (Incl.	single, divorc	ed, widowed)	🗆 Married 🗆 Separated 🗆 Unmar	ried (Incl.	single, divorce	ed, widowed)
Dependents and others who will live w (not listed by co-applicant)	ith you			Dependents and others who will live w (not listed by co-applicant)	/ith you		
Name	Age	Male	Female	Name	Age	Male	Female
Present address (street, city, state, ZIP	code)	□ Own	□ Rent	Present address (street, city, state, ZIF	code)	□ Own	□ Rent
Number of years				Number of years			
If you have lived at	t your p	present ac	Idress for	less than two years, complete the fo	llowing	:	
Last address (street, city, state, ZIP coo	de)	🗆 Own	□ Rent	Present address (street, city, state, ZIF	code)	□ Own	□ Rent
Number of years				Number of years			

2. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY — DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE						
Date received:	Date of selection committee approval:					
Date of notice of incomplete application letter:	Date of board approval:					
Date of adverse action letter:	Date of partnership agreement:					

3. WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER

To be considered for Habitat homeownership, you and your family must be willing to	I AM WILLING TO COMPLETE THE
complete a certain number of "sweat-equity" hours. Your help in building your home	REQUIRED SWEAT-EQUITY HOURS:
and the homes of others is called "sweat equity" and may include clearing the lot,	Yes No Applicant
painting, helping with construction, working in the Habitat office, attending homeownership classes or other approved activities.	Co-applicant
4. PRESENT HOUSING CONDITIONS	s
4. PRESENT HOUSING CONDITIONS Number of bedrooms (please circle) 1 2 3 4 5	
Other rooms in the place where you are currently living:	
□ Kitchen □ Bathroom □ Living room □ Dining room	
Other (please describe)	
If you rent your residence, what is your monthly rent payment? \$	/month
(Please supply a copy of your lease or a copy of a money order receipt or canceled ren	it check.)
Name, address and phone number of current landlord:	
In the space below, describe the condition of the house or apartment where you live. W	/hy do you need a Habitat home?
5. PROPERTY INFORMATION	
If you own your residence, what is your monthly mortgage payment? \$	/month Unpaid balance \$
Do you own land? \Box No \Box Yes Monthly payment \$	Unpaid balance \$

If you wish your property to be considered for building your Habitat home, please attach land documentation.

	6. EMPLOYMEN			
Applicant		Co-applicant		
Name and address of CURRENT employer Years on this jo		Name and address of CURRENT employer	Years on this job	
	Monthly (gross) wages \$		Monthly (gross) wages \$	
Type of business	Business phone	Type of business	Business phone	
If working at currer	nt job less than one y	ear, complete the following information		
Name and address of LAST employer	Years on this job	Name and address of LAST employer	Years on this job	
	Monthly (gross) wages \$		Monthly (gross) wages \$	
Type of business	Business phone	Type of business	Business phone	

7. MONTHLY INCOME						
Income source	Applicant	Co-applicant	Others in household	Total		
Wages	\$	\$	\$	\$		
TANF	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Alimony	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Child support	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Social Security	\$	\$	\$	\$		
SSI	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Disability	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Section 8 housing	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Other:	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Other:	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Other:	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$		

PLEASE NOTE:	HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHOSE INCOME IS LISTED ABOVE						
Self-employed applicants may be	Name	Income source	Monthly income	Date of birth			
required to provide							
additional documentation such							
as tax returns and							
financial statements.							

8. 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 parents)? If you borrow the money, whom will you borrow it from, and how will you pay it back?

9. ASSETS Name of bank, savings and Current loan, credit union, etc. Address ZIP balance City, state Account number \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

		10. DEBT							
		TO WHOM DO YOU AND THE CO-APPLICANT(S) OWE MONEY?							
		APPLICANT			CO-APPLICANT	-			
Account	Monthly payment	Unpaid balance	Months left to pay	Monthly payment	Unpaid balance	Months left to pay			
Other motor vehicle	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Boat	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Furniture, appliance, TVs (includes rent-to-own)	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Alimony	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Child support	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Credit card	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Credit card	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Credit card	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Total medical	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Other	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Other	\$	\$		\$	\$				
Total	\$	\$		\$	\$				

MONTHLY EXPENSES								
Account	Applicant	Co-applicant	Total					
Rent	\$	\$	\$					
Utilities	\$	\$	\$					
Insurance	\$	\$	\$					
Child care	\$	\$	\$					
Internet service	\$	\$	\$					
Cell phone	\$	\$	\$					
Land line	\$	\$	\$					
Business expenses	\$	\$	\$					
Union dues	\$	\$	\$					
Other	\$	\$	\$					
Other	\$	\$	\$					
Other	\$	\$	\$					
Total	\$	\$	\$					

11. DECLARATIONS

Please check the box beside the word that best answers the following questions for you and the co-applicant						
	Applicant		Co-applicant			
a. Do you have any outstanding judgments because of a court decision against you?	□ Yes	🗆 No	□ Yes	🗆 No		
b. Have you been declared bankrupt within the past seven years?	□ Yes	🗆 No	□ Yes	🗆 No		
c. Have you had property foreclosed on or deed in lieu of foreclosure in the past seven years?	□ Yes	🗆 No	🗆 Yes	🗆 No		
d. Are you currently involved in a lawsuit?	□ Yes	🗆 No	□ Yes	🗆 No		
e. Have you directly or indirectly been obligated on any loan which resulted in foreclosure, transfer of title in lieu of foreclosure, or judgment?	□ 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 paying alimony or child support or separate maintenance?	□ Yes	🗆 No	🗆 Yes	🗆 No		
h. Are you a co-signer or endorser on any loan?	□ Yes	🗆 No	🗆 Yes	🗆 No		
i. Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?	□ Yes	🗆 No	□ Yes	🗆 No		
If you answered "yes" to any question a through h, or "no" to question i, please explain on a separate piece of paper.						

12. AUTHORIZATION 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.

I understand that the evaluation will include personal visits, a credit check and employment verification. I have answered all the questions on this application truthfully. I understand that if I have not answered the questions truthfully, 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.

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.

13. RIGHT TO RECEIVE COPY OF APPRAISAL

This is to notify you that we may order an appraisal in connection with your loan 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

14. INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENT MONITORING PURPOSES

PLEASE READ THIS STATEMENT BEFORE COMPLETING THE BOX BELOW: We are requesting the following information to monitor our compliance with the federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act, which prohibits unlawful discrimination. You are not required to provide this information. We will not take this information (or your decision not to provide this information) into account in connection with your application or credit transaction. The law provides that a creditor may not discriminate based on this information, or based on whether or not you choose to provide it. If you choose not to provide the information, we may note it by visual observation or surname.

Applicant	Co-applicant		
\Box I do not wish to furnish this information	\Box I do not wish to furnish this information		
Race (applicant may select more than one racial designation):	Race (applicant may select more than one racial designation):		
American Indian or Alaska Native	American Indian or Alaska Native		
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander		
Black/African-American	Black/African-American		
□ White	□ White		
□ Asian	□ Asian		
Ethnicity:	Ethnicity:		
□ Hispanic or Latino □ Non-Hispanic or Latino	□ Hispanic or Latino □ Non-Hispanic or Latino		
Sex:	Sex:		
Female Male	Female Male		
Birthdate:	Birthdate:		
//	<i>II</i>		
Marital status:	Marital status:		
□ Married □ Separated □ Unmarried (single, divorced, widowed)	□ Married □ Separated □ Unmarried (single, divorced, widowed)		

To be completed only by the person conducting the interview				
 This application was taken by: Face-to-face interview By mail By telephone 	Interviewer's name (print or type)			
	Interviewer's signature	Date		
	Interviewer's phone number			







APPLICATION "DOCUMENT CHECKLIST"

(Updated August 2019)

Please provide copies or originals of the following with your application

ĵ	#	Items Needed
	1.	Addresses for last seven years, landlord names, and a copy of your most recent rent receipt
	2.	Copies of tax returns for the last two years including W2's
	3.	Copies of the last three months of pay stubs or letter for income verification (Include copies of these documents for any children 18 years or older who are living with you and employed)
	4.	Copies of recent statements for other income, including food stamps, social security, SSI, disability, and commissions
	5.	Copies of the last two months bank statements for each checking, savings, and retirement accounts you have (include IRA's, 401K's, and bond accounts)
	6.	Copies of the last three months of bills for gas, electric, water & sewer and phone(s) (unless included in your rent) (include all accounts in your name or that you are responsible for)
	7.	Copies of the most recent statement for each credit card you have
	8.	Copies of the most recent statement for any other loans you have (auto, student, medical, etc)
	9.	Copies of current automobile registration(s) for all cars owned by applicant, co- applicant, and children over 18 years or older living with you
	10.	Copies of Government Issued Photo ID and/or Driver's License for applicant, co- applicant, and children over 18 years or older living with you
	11.	Copies of documents related to any judgment, foreclosure, bankruptcy, or lawsuit

If you have any questions, call your Family Selection Committee Advocate.

Your Advocate is: Janet Spiering (307) 899-5644 You can also call our Executive Director, Nikki Hoellwarth: (307) 899-4015 edirector@mshfh.org