

Pre-Qualification Checklist

Habitat for Humanity uses 3 eligibility criteria in selecting applicants:

- 1. Need for affordable housing
- 2. Ability to pay
- 3. Willingness to partner with Habitat throughout the process

You may qualify if you can answer yes to all questions below:

Yes	No								
		Resident of Lancaster or Northumberland County for at least one year							
		Need:							
		 I/we currently live in an inadequate, unsafe, or overcrowded home; and/or would be homeless if not for friends or family; and/or are cost burdened by rent exceeding 30% of my/our gross income. 							
		 My/our income is below the 60% area median income according to HUD (see chart below- max. yearly gross) and/or I cannot qualify for a traditional mortgage. 							
		Ability to Pay:							
		 My/our income is at least 30% of the area median income according to HUD (see chart below- min. yearly gross) 							
		I/we do not have judgements or liens or can pay off any judgements or liens within 30 days of application.							
		3. I/we do not have accounts in collections or can present a plan to pay off all collections within the next 12 months.							
		 I/we have never filed for bankruptcy or it has been at least 4 years since bankruptcy was discharged. 							
		5. I/we would be able to save approximately \$3000 towards a down payment.							
		6. I/we would be able to pay an affordable mortgage, + taxes & insurance (typically under \$800.)							
		7. I/we do not have excessive debt which would impact our ability to pay.							
		Willingness to Partner:							
		 I/we are willing to invest an agreed upon number of hours of my/our own labor (sweat-equity) helping build our house, houses of others, volunteering at the resale store, and attending homeownership classes. 							
		I/we are willing to demonstrate commitment to the program by promptly providing documentation requested, communicating regularly with staff and volunteers, and speaking about my/our Habitat experience with others in the community.							

2022 Income Guidelines

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Min. yearly gross	\$14,900	\$17,000	\$19150	\$21,250	\$22950	\$24,650	\$26,350	\$28050
Max. yearly gross	\$30,240	\$34,560	\$38,880	\$43,140	\$46,620	\$50,100	\$53,520	\$57,000