

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
2018 Poverty Exemption Guidelines**

To be eligible for an exemption, the General Property Tax Act 206 of 1893 requires that a person shall do all of the following on an **annual** basis:

- Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- File an application with the township supervisor or assessor on a form provided by the township, accompanied by copies of the most recent federal and state income tax forms, including Homestead Property Tax Credit claim (MI-1040CR, filed by the homeowner, or an affidavit substantiating that the homeowner was not required to file tax returns.
- Meet the alternative poverty income guidelines and asset test adopted by the township. See below.
- Submit the application for an exemption to the Board of Review at the March, July, or December meeting.

2018 Income Guidelines

Size of Family/ Household	Federal Maximum Total Income	Township Maximum Total Income
1	\$12,060	\$18,090
2	\$16,240	\$24,360
3	\$20,420	\$30,630
4	\$24,600	\$36,900
5	\$28,780	\$43,170
6	\$32,960	\$49,440
7	\$37,140	\$55,710
8	\$41,320	\$61,980
Additional person	\$4,180	\$6,270

Asset Test:

Assets, excluding the value of the principal residence (land & buildings) for which the exemption is requested and the value of up to two vehicles used by persons residing in the principal residence for which the exemption is requested, must not exceed three (3) times the township allowable maximum total income.

Please note: Applications for poverty exemption can only be considered for the current year. The General Property Tax Act does not allow applications to be considered for previous years.

Applications must be approved by a majority of the Board of Review and by the Township Supervisor.