

Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity builds simple, decent, energy-efficient houses that are sold to families and individuals in the Cape Fear Region. Habitat homes are sold at no profit through an affordable mortgage loan. To participate in the program, candidates must qualify based on need, the ability to pay their mortgage, and a willingness to partner with Habitat.

This program can take 18 months to 2 years to complete.

SELECTION CRITERIA for homeownership



I. Need

Your current housing situation can be described by at least one of the following:

- Displaced by Hurricane Florence, or otherwise impacted by this storm
- Housing expenses greater than 30% of income
- Unable to get a home loan from any other source
- Overcrowded or unsafe conditions
- Subsidized Housing
- Substandard housing or nonpermanent residence, homeless

II. Ability to Pay

INCOME: Households with income ranging from 30% to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) depending on family size and county. Income amounts including wages, Social Security, Social Security disability, child support, other forms of reported income, and all debt will be considered. These numbers are effective May 1, 2021, and change every year.

Family size	New Hanover		Pender		Duplin		Family size
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	
1	\$26,500	\$42,700	\$26,500	\$39,250	\$21,960	\$32,800	1
2	\$26,500	\$48,800	\$26,500	\$44,850	\$21,960	\$37,450	2
3	\$26,500	\$54,900	\$26,500	\$50,450	\$21,960	\$42,150	3
4	\$26,500	\$60,950	\$26,500	\$56,050	\$26,500	\$46,800	4
5	\$31,040	\$65,850	\$31,040	\$60,550	\$31,040	\$50,550	5
6	\$35,580	\$70,750	\$35,580	\$65,050	\$33,950	\$54,300	6
7	\$40,120	\$75,600	\$40,120	\$69,550	\$36,300	\$58,050	7
8	\$44,660	\$80,500	\$44,660	\$74,000	\$38,650	\$61,800	8

DEBT: We will look at your debts in relation to your income to make sure you have enough left over to pay a Habitat mortgage without being cost-burdened. This includes credit card payments, car loans, and any other loans or obligations.

CREDIT: We are not looking for a particular credit score. We pull your credit to view your payment history. If you don't have a Credit Report, you will be asked to submit utility bills to demonstrate your payment history.

III. Willingness to Partner

- Partnership Hours: Help us build other homes and, eventually, your own! The philosophy of partnership hours at Habitat is to promote partnership, pride in homeownership, and development of skills and knowledge. Partnership hours are performed in various ways, but most significantly on the build sites. *No construction experience is required! Other opportunities are available at our Restores, fundraisers, and community events.*
 - Prior to closing, a family with 2 adults must work 400 Partnership Hours & a family with 1 adult must work 250 Partnership Hours. (100 of these hours must construction-related per adult)
 - The average time you can expect spent performing Partnership Hours will be **3 shifts per month**, over a period of approximately 18 months.
 - Friends and Family may help with a portion of your hours.
 - Those with physical and other disabilities may have a custom plan designed, if needed, with doctor's input.
- Homeownership Classes: Attendance is mandatory for all classes prior to closing. A portion of these classes are completed Online. *Accommodations can be made for those without access to Internet.*
- Monthly Payments towards closing costs prior to closing: By submitting affordable monthly payments towards closing costs while in our program, you will demonstrate your willingness to pay a monthly mortgage on time in the future. Realistic monthly goals will be discussed between the Future Homeowner and the Credit and Mortgage Counselor upon examination of monthly budget.
- Monthly Financial Meetings: By attending regular monthly meetings with the Credit & Mortgage Counselor prior to closing, you will demonstrate a commitment to strengthening your financial readiness for homeownership.
- Willingness to live where we have land: You will be shown land options to choose from during the application process and prior to board approval. You will be offered construction-ready property that is in our land-inventory, and that you are eligible for (county/number of bedrooms/affordability/loan type).
- Representing Habitat and Sharing your Story: Our partner families support the community as a representative of Habitat. You will also be asked to share your story to volunteers, donors, and other potential homeowners so that they may choose to either support our mission or pursue a path to homeownership after seeing your example.
- Homeownership Responsibilities: Habitat homeowners hold the same responsibilities as other homeowners. Homeowners are committed to paying their mortgage on time after closing, and are responsible for keeping the home maintained and repaired as needed. Monthly mortgage payments include principal payment, homeowner's insurance premiums, property taxes, and other applicable items such as HOA dues when applicable, termite agreement, etc. This monthly payment will be affordable, not to exceed 30% of the applicant's gross monthly income. Mortgage payments go towards building more houses in partnership with families in need of affordable homeownership opportunities!

IV. Residency

- The buyer of the house must be a citizen, permanent resident of the U.S., or of legal immigration status.
- The buyer of the house must have lived or worked in the Cape Fear Region for at least 1 year.
- Our service areas are New Hanover, Pender and Duplin Counties.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe you qualify, please do the following, complete the following application packet in full, gather copies of all the required documentation that applies to you listed on the last page, and either mail or drop off your packet at Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity 3310 Fredrickson Rd. Wilmington NC 28401. For questions, call 910-762-4744 ext. 117 or email HSC@capefearhabitat.org

We are an Equal Housing Opportunity Provider: Those who apply to purchase homes from Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity are approved by the Board of Directors in a way that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, familial status, national origin, or because all or part of the applicant's income is derived from public assistance programs.



Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity
3310 Fredrickson Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 762-4744

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

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Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity is a Veteran Build Affiliate																																																	
Did you or anyone in your household serve or is in the US Military? Yes _____ No _____																																																	

2. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Date app received: _____ Database: _____ Scanned: _____
Date of notice of incomplete application letter: _____
Date of adverse action letter: _____

Date of selection committee approval: _____
Date of board approval: _____
Date of letter of intent: _____

3. WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER

To be considered for Habitat homeownership, you and your family must be willing to complete a certain number of "sweat-equity" hours. Your help in building your home and the homes of others is called "sweat equity" and may include painting, helping with construction, working in the Habitat ReStores, attending homeownership classes or other approved activities or tasks.

I AM WILLING TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED SWEAT-EQUITY HOURS:	Applicant	Yes	No
	Co-applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. PRESENT HOUSING CONDITIONS

Number of bedrooms in your current house or apartment (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

Name, address and phone number of current landlord: _____

In the space below, describe the condition of the house or apartment where you live:

5. NEED

Please tell us why you *need* a Habitat home: (Check all that apply to your current situation)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overcrowded/unsafe conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Substandard conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidized housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing cost-burdened |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to get home loan from any other source | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless or very temporary living arrangements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Displaced due to Hurricane Florence | <input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Florence damage at current residence |

In the space below, please describe why homeownership is important to you:

6. PROPERTY INFORMATION

If you own your residence, what is your monthly mortgage payment? \$ _____ / month Unpaid balance \$ _____

Do you own land? ☐ No ☐ Yes Monthly payment \$ _____ Unpaid balance \$ _____

7. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Applicant		Co-applicant	
Name and address of CURRENT employer	Years on this job	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 current job less than one year, 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

8. MONTHLY INCOME

*Alimony, child support or separate maintenance income need **not** be revealed if the applicant or co-applicant does not choose to have it considered for repaying this loan.*

Income Source	Applicant	Co-applicant	Others in household	Total
Wages	\$	\$	\$	\$
TANF	\$	\$	\$	\$
Alimony	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child support	\$	\$	\$	\$
Social Security	\$	\$	\$	\$
SSI	\$	\$	\$	\$
Disability	\$	\$	\$	\$
Section 8 Housing Voucher	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$

PLEASE NOTE: Self-employed applicants may be required to provide additional documentation such as tax returns and financial statements.	Other household members whose income is listed above			
	Name	Income source	Monthly income	Date of birth

9.SOURCE OF CLOSING COSTS

- 1) Are you willing to save money required for closing costs during your participation in our program if approved?
- 2) Are you willing to meet with our Credit and Mortgage Counselor on a monthly basis to review your budget and set short and long-term financial goals to promote a readiness for homeownership during your participation in our program?

10. ASSETS

[illegible]

11. DEBT

Account	To whom do you and the co-applicant(s) owe money?					
	Applicant			Co-applicant		
	Monthly payment	Unpaid balance	Months left to pay	Monthly payment	Unpaid balance	Months left to pay
Motor vehicle	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Boat	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Furniture, appliance, televisions (includes rent-to-own)	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Alimony	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Child support	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Credit card- _____	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Credit card- _____	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Credit card- _____	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Total	\$	\$		\$	\$	

Monthly expenses			
Account	Applicant	Co-applicant	Total
Rent	\$	\$	\$
Electricity/Gas	\$	\$	\$
Water/Sewer	\$	\$	\$
Trash	\$	\$	\$
Groceries/Household Items	\$	\$	\$
Auto Gas	\$	\$	\$
Auto Insurance	\$	\$	\$
Child care	\$	\$	\$
Internet service	\$	\$	\$
Cell phone	\$	\$	\$
Land line	\$	\$	\$
Storage	\$	\$	\$
Entertainment/Recreation	\$	\$	\$
Business expenses	\$	\$	\$
Union dues	\$	\$	\$
Prescriptions/Medical	\$	\$	\$
Med Insurance (non-payroll)	\$	\$	\$
Life Insurance (non-payroll)	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$

12. DECLARATIONS

Please check next to 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Have you been declared bankrupt within the past seven years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Have you had property foreclosed on in the past seven years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d. Are you currently involved in a lawsuit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e. Are you paying alimony or child support?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
f. Are you a U.S. citizen, permanent U.S. resident or of current legal U.S. immigration status?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If you answered "yes" to any question a through e, or "no" to question f, please explain on a separate piece of paper and attach.

13. AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I understand that by filing this application, I am authorizing Cape Fear 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, but not be limited to, the following checks: credit, criminal background, global terrorist, sex offender, employment verification, as well as a personal home visit if necessary to determine a need. Background checks must be conducted on all adults in the household, as well as any spouse of the applicant.

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 even if I have already been selected to purchase a Habitat home, I may be disqualified from the program.

The original or a copy of this application will be retained by Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity, even if the application is not approved.

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.

APPRAISAL NOTICE: If you are approved to purchase a home through Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity, we may order an appraisal or other property valuation in connection with your loan and we may charge you for this appraisal or property valuation. Upon completion of the appraisal or property valuation, we will promptly provide a copy to you, even if the loan does not close.

How did you learn about Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity's Homeownership Program? (Check all that apply)

- ___ Family, Friend or Co-Worker in the Program (Please write their name): _____
- ___ Saw house being built
- ___ Referred by other agency (Please write name of agency): _____
- ___ Community Event (Please write name of event): _____
- ___ Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc...)
- ___ Cape Fear Habitat Restore
- ___ Radio
- ___ News Story (TV or News Article)
- ___ Attended Info Session (please write location of session): _____

14. INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENT MONITORING PURPOSES**(this page will be separated from application)**

PLEASE READ THIS STATEMENT BEFORE COMPLETING THE BOX BELOW: The purpose of collecting this information is to help ensure that all applicants are treated fairly and that the housing needs of communities and neighborhoods are being fulfilled. For residential mortgage lending, Federal law requires that we ask applicants for their demographic information (ethnicity, race, and sex) in order to monitor our compliance with equal credit opportunity, fair housing, and home mortgage disclosure laws. You are not required to provide this information, but are encouraged to do so. The law provides that we may not discriminate on the basis of this information, or on whether you choose to provide it. However, if you choose not to provide the information and you have made this application in person, Federal regulations require us to note your ethnicity, race, and sex on the basis of visual observation or surname. If you do not wish to provide some or all of this information, please check below.

Applicant	Co-applicant
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to furnish this information	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to furnish this information
Race (applicant may select more than one racial designation): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native Tribe: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian _____	Race (applicant may select more than one racial designation): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native Tribe: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian
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Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Birthdate: ____/____/____	Birthdate: ____/____/____
Marital status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried (Incl. single, divorced, widowed)	Marital status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried (Incl. single, divorced, widowed)

This section is to be completed only by the person conducting the interview	
This application was taken by: <input type="checkbox"/> Face-to-face interview <input type="checkbox"/> By mail <input type="checkbox"/> By telephone	Interviewer's name (print or type)
	Interviewer's signature Date
	Interviewer's phone number

Credit Check Release Form

Applicant:

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security # -----

Email Address: _____

I _____ request Factual Data to release

information to the Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity Credit Counselor/ Consultant. This information shall include but is not limited to the following: **X Credit Report**

I understand this exchange of information shall be used in the process of reviewing my application and/or eligibility for the Homeownership Program. This authorization will remain in effect for one year or until I specifically revoke this in writing.

Client Signature_____
Date**Co-applicant (if applicable):**

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security # -----

Email Address: _____

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Client Signature_____
Date

Checklist: Supporting Documents for Homeownership Application

Please provide copies of all requested documents that apply to you and your family.

Note: If a document does not apply to you, please mark N/A.

Turn in with Application

- ☐ Prior 2 Years Income Tax Returns
 - ☐ Prior 2 years W-2s (or 1099s for self-employed)
 - ☐ Prior 2 Months Bank Statement (both savings & checking; any other bank accounts)
 - ☐ Prior 2 Months Pay Stubs
 - ☐ If using Child Support as part of your income (not required), please provide the Court Order and Payment History
 - ☐ SSI Verification,
 - ☐ Other sources of income, ie: Disability, Veteran or Unemployment Benefits, Work First, Alimony, etc.
 - ☐ Housing Choice Voucher (most recent rent determination letter)
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Bring with you if invited to a first meeting to confirm Financial Eligibility:

The following documents are not needed until you are asked to come to your first meeting with the Credit and Mortgage Counselor as part of the next stages of the application process. Make sure you know where these items are:

- ☐ Social Security cards for all household members
 - ☐ Birth Certificates for all household members
 - ☐ Marriage Certificate or Divorce Decree of any applicant/co-applicant who has ever been married
 - ☐ Driver's License or State ID for all household members over the age of 18
 - ☐ Proof of current US Immigration Status, if applicable. Required for buyers of the home. Please also provide for other household members if it applies.
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Once your application is received, you will be mailed a letter within 30 days with further instructions. This letter will indicate whether or not your application can proceed to the next step.

If your application is denied, you are encouraged to schedule a follow-up appointment for a free financial counseling session.