Claimants must meet the following requirements in order to qualify: One of the following:

- 1. Any person declared blind by a licensed ophthalmologist is eligible for the blind exemption. The applicant must meet the statutory definition of blindness which is:
 - has no more than 20/200 visual acuity in the better eye when corrected; or
 - has, in the case of better than 20/200 central vision, a restriction of the field of vision in the better eye which subtends an angle of vision no greater than 20 degrees.
- 2. The unmarried surviving spouse or minor orphan of a person who gualified

All of the following:

- 3. File an <u>application</u> by the deadline. Include the <u>supplemental affidavit</u> if applying as the surviving spouse or minor orphan.
- 4. The claimant owned the property as of January 1 of the year the exemption is claimed.
- 5. Provide proof of established residency in the State of Utah. Absence from the residence due to vacation, confinement to a hospital, or other similar temporary situation is not to be deducted from the residency requirement.
- 6. A copy of the ophthalmologist's statement must be filed with the application the first year, if the condition is permanent. In the case of a claimant where the condition is temporary or may change for any reason, a new statement must be filed every year with the application.

NOTE: There is no income requirement to qualify for this program.

Eligible Property

The exemption applies to the claimant's real property and tangible personal property.

Amount of Exemption The first \$11,500 of taxable value of the claimant's property is exempt from taxation.