

Open enrollment runs from October 1, 2024 - April 5, 2025.

Email us at taxrelief@knoxcounty.org to get an application when available.

If you are a **surviving spouse of a disabled veteran** who was married to the veteran at the time of their death and have not remarried, then you may qualify for the state's property tax relief program. Your veteran must have been rated totally and permanently disabled by the Veteran's Administration by 12/31/2024 and have not been dishonorably discharged from any armed service.

If you qualify, the property tax relief program application will apply to both Knox County property taxes and your City of Knoxville property taxes (if you also reside in the city). **You must re-apply yearly to stay on this program.**

Please fill out the tax relief application and the F-16S form, sign it, and return them with copies of:

- your state issued ID (this must have your address on it)
- Death certificate of spouse

If your ID address is different from the address that you are applying for then you will need to prove residency. Please provide one of the following:

- VA letter
- Bank statement (include the page with your name and address on it)
- Automobile insurance policy declaration page (not wallet cards)
- Voter's registration card
- Social Security letter
- 2 utility bills from 2024 or earlier -can't both be from the same utility.
(Cell phone, cable, and landline phone bills can't be used)

Please note: You can only apply for one property; you must own it and use it as your primary residence. Your 2024 taxes must be paid in full before your application can be submitted to the state. Your signed application and all required documentation must be turned in by April 5, 2025.

What if I have already applied for the Tax Relief program during the 2023 Tax Season and was approved?

Your application must be re-certified every 12 months. You are required to attest that you still own your property, and you are still living on your property to stay on this program. Your recurring application will be included with your 2024 Property Tax Statement. If you do not receive your application from us by the end of November, you must contact us to let us know.

The current year's property taxes become due and payable on October 3rd. The last day to pay the preceding year's property taxes without interest and/or penalty is February 28th. Beginning March 1st, interest will be added at a rate of 1.5% on the first of every month. By law, this interest cannot be removed. Payment plans and automatic bank drafts are available, please contact us for more details. 865-215-2305