

## BLIND/DISABLED

Special Blind/Disabled Homestead: Class 1b Property is a decrease in property taxes, according to Minnesota Statute 273.13.

### How do I qualify?

- Certified legally blind
- Totally and permanently disabled

### The requirements are:

- **Blind** - Send a completed and signed application and provide a letter or report from an eye doctor stating that you are certified legally blind to the Cass County Assessor's Office, PO Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484. Applications must be received no later than October 1.
- **Disabled** – Send a completed and signed application and a letter from a qualifying agency stating that you are totally and permanently disabled and are eligible to receive disability payments to the Cass County Assessor's Office, PO Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484. Applications must be received no later than October 1.

### Why must I provide my social security number?

Even though social security numbers are private information, under Minnesota Statutes 273.13, 273.1315 & 273.124, they must be provided to properly identify you for the special homestead classification. If you do not provide, the required information, your application may be delayed or denied.

### How often do I have to apply for this special homestead classification?

If this special homestead is granted, it is not necessary for you to reapply. However, the County Assessor may require you to provide an additional application or other proof deemed necessary to verify that you continue to qualify for the special homestead classification.

### How will I know if my Special Blind/Disabled Homestead Application has been received in the Assessor's Office?

Once your special blind/disabled homestead application has been received, it will be reviewed. You will be sent a letter from the County Assessor with the result of our findings and the year of assessment and tax this special homestead would affect.

### What if I sell, move or change my marital status?

If at any time the property is sold, you change your primary residence or change your marital status, state law requires that you **notify the County Assessor within 30 days**. If you fail to notify the County Assessor within the 30 days, you may be required to pay the tax, which is due on the property based on the correct property class plus a penalty of the same amount.

**The Special Blind/Disabled Homestead application cannot be submitted electronically, it must be mailed.** The application can be filled out from your computer and printed for mailing. [Special Blind/Disabled Homestead Classification: Class 1b Property Application](#)