# Review Criteria

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must meet all background verifications and meet the following criteria:

### **Residency**

Applicants must be either a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident. The home for which they are applying for repairs must be owner-occupied, located in the Tri-Cities area (Sullivan, Carter and Washington counties in Tennessee or Bristol, Virginia) and serve as the owner's primary residence. Owners of multiple real estate properties are not eligible.

### <u>Need</u>

Applicants must have a demonstrated need for a critical home repair or accessibility modification. Holston Habitat staff will verify need by completing a home visit and repair assessment during the application process.

## Ability to Pay

Holston Habitat requires verification of all household income. Qualifying applicants must have a household income at or below 60% of the median income for the area (AMI\*) as shown on the Income Guideline Chart below. Approved applicants must also have the ability to pay the appropriate repair program fee prior to work commencing on their home. More information about repair program fees may be found in the FAQs.

	Sullivan County, TN and Bristol, VA	Washington County, TN and Carter County, TN
Household Size	Maximum Annual Household Income	Maximum Annual Household Income
1	\$29,640	\$30,000
2	\$33,840	\$34,260
3	\$38,100	\$38,520
4	\$42,300	\$42,780
5	\$45,720	\$46,260
6	\$49,080	\$49,680
7	\$52,500	\$53,100
8	\$55,860	\$56,520

#### Willingness to Partner

Approved applicants demonstrate willingness to partner by completing a total of 8 hours of sweat equity, being present on-site at the time repair work is completed and maintaining communication and cooperation with Holston Habitat throughout the program process. Half of the required sweat equity hours (4 hours) must be completed prior to work on your home beginning. The term "sweat equity" refers to the hands-on, volunteer work that a homeowner contributes to the Holston habitat for Humanity ministry. Family members, friends, and others can assist in earning sweat equity hours. Reasonable accommodations may be made for individuals with disabilities.