

Here are some of the things you must do:

1. Perform 220 hours (plus 110 hours for each additional home-buyer) of sweat equity. This includes working without pay on other Habitat homes, and later on your own home. Some sweat equity can be done at our thrift stores located in Clermont, Eustis, Wildwood, and Leesburg. Special arrangements will be made for disabled home-buyers.
2. Attend various classes on home maintenance, home repair, budgeting, and other topics useful for successful home ownership. In addition, you must attend special events, such as the blitz and dedication for your house.
3. Pay \$50 per month into Habitat's escrow account toward the amount due at closing for insurance and closing costs.
4. Help Habitat with its efforts to recruit and thank volunteers. This includes working side by side with volunteers from all races, religions, and walks of life.
5. Help Habitat with its fundraising activities. This includes going to public meetings and allowing Habitat to send information about your family to the news media.
6. Help Habitat apply for a SHIP loan from the State of Florida to reduce the amount of your mortgage.
7. Sign a Release and Waiver releasing Habitat from all liability for injuries you or your children may sustain while doing sweat equity.
8. Keep in frequent contact with Habitat through a volunteer assigned to be your family partner, and notify us within one week of changes in address or phone number.
9. Be patient and flexible, as most Habitat homes are not finished until 9 to 13 months after the applicant is accepted. Sometimes, this process takes longer.
10. After closing, pay the house payment every month, make any needed repairs, perform regular home maintenance, and be a good neighbor.

If you have any questions, please contact Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter at 483-0434 ext 15 or at 710 S. Bay Street, PO Box 186 Eustis, FL 32727