

# **BLIND EXEMPTION (FAA)**

**\$3,000 OFF THE ASSESSMENT**

**NEEDS TO BE FILED BEFORE OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

**ONLY NEEDS TO FILE ONCE**

State law provides a \$3,000 property tax assessment exemption for property owners who are blind. In order to receive this exemption an applicant must meet the definition of blindness set forth in Connecticut General Statutes, and provide proof of such blindness to the Assessor.

Any individual that presents a Certification of Legal Blindness from the Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB) that states he/she is considered to be legally blind may be eligible for a \$3,000 exemption off your assessment if filed prior to October 1. **The BESB is located in Windsor, CT and can be contacted at 1-800-842-4510.**

## **STATE STATUTES:**

**Sec. 12-81 (17) Blind persons.** Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-92, property to the amount of **three thousand dollars** belonging to, or held in trust for, any blind person, resident of this state; or, lacking said amount of property in his own name, so much of the property belonging to, or held in trust for, his spouse, who is domiciled with him, as is necessary to equal said amount;

**Sec. 12-92. Proofs to be filed by blind.** No individual shall receive any exemption to which he is entitled by subdivision (17) of section 12-81 until he or his authorized agent or attorney has given proof satisfactory to the board of assessors that he is blind. No such blind person, not a resident of a town in which he is seeking exemption, shall receive the exemption to which he is entitled by said subdivision (17) until he has complied with the provisions of section 12-94. For the purposes of subdivision (17) of section 12-81 and this section, blindness shall be defined to mean total and permanent loss of sight in both eyes or reduction in vision so that the central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or, if visual acuity is greater than 20/ 200, it is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.