

Brush-up Our Veterans — Lehigh Valley

**PAINTING THE EXTERIOR OF VETERANS HOMES
In the Lehigh Valley**

**2024
BRUSH-UP OUR VETERANS
HOMEOWNER APPLICATION**

APPLICATION PROCESS

**Complete and sign the application form
Attach all requested documents per the checklist**

Mail to:

**Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce
Brush-up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley
74 W. Broad St., Suite 240
Bethlehem, PA 18018**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 15, 2024

**For more information, or help in completing this form
Contact Alison or Bailey at the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.**

Alison: alisonp@lehighvalleychamber.org or 610-739-1512

Bailey: baileym@lehighvalleychamber.org or 610-349-9776

BRUSH-UP OUR VETERANS INFORMATION

Brush-up Our Veterans is a project that coordinates the efforts of volunteers to paint the outside of homes of low-income elderly or honorably discharged, permanently disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. It is designed for homeowners who cannot afford to hire to have the work done, do not have the physical ability to do the work themselves, and do not have relatives who can do the work for them.

- Sherwin-Williams will provide high quality paint. If selected, you choose colors from a paint chart.
- Volunteers paint selected houses, **without charge to the homeowner**.
- The Brush-up Our Veterans Committee will determine which houses will be painted based on the owner's age, disability, and financial need, as well as the condition and size of the house, and availability of volunteers.
- Selected homeowners will be notified by April 3, 2024.
- The volunteer crew will prepare the house the week of April 20—26, 2024.
- **Painting will be done on Saturday & Sunday, April 27—28, 2024.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Your house must be in Lehigh County or Northampton County.
- The veteran, spouse, or surviving spouse must be 60 years of age or older **or** have a permanent disability at any age, **and** own the home that needs painting.
- Your home must be a single family dwelling that you occupy yourself. The house must be structurally sound and not in need of major repairs.
- Because we are volunteers, we cannot paint homes higher than 2 stories.
- We are unable to paint 2 story homes with additional dormers.
- House selection will be based on various factors such as: income, disabilities, con-

If selected, do you give permission for media to photograph your home? Yes ___ No ___

HOUSE INFORMATION

Is the house deeded in your name or your name and spouse? Yes ___ No ___

The house is: One story ___ One and one-half story ___ Two stories ___

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	Household Monthly Income
Social Security	\$ _____
SSI or SSD	\$ _____
VA Disability Compensation	\$ _____
AFDC	\$ _____
Salaries	\$ _____
Alimony & Child Support	\$ _____
Interest & Dividends	\$ _____
Pensions & Annuities	\$ _____
Rental Income	\$ _____
Other Income	\$ _____
Total Monthly Household Income	\$ _____

(For Office Use Only) Income Verification
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COME INFORMATION

“INCOME” means the combined amount of money received by all people living in the house.
This information will remain confidential to the Selection Committee:

Monthly Non-Reimbursed Medical Expenses (optional) \$ _____
(Includes prescriptions Part D, co-pays and supplemental insurance premiums)

Are you on Medicaid through the State of Pennsylvania? ___ Yes ___ No

CHECKLIST

ALL documents must be sent with your application.

If we do not receive ALL necessary documents with your application, the review and approval of your application could be significantly delayed. Please send COPIES that apply to your household. Do not include original documents.

- ◇ APPLICATION filled out completely and signed on last page
- ◇ Veteran’s DD-214 or other proof of honorable active duty U.S. military service
- ◇ Property deed (available at the county recorder of deeds if a copy is needed)
- ◇ INCOME DOCUMENTATION for ALL adults age 18+ in the home. Send all documents that apply to your household:
 - VA income—Statement letter for current year
 - Social Security income—Explanation of Benefit Letter for current year
 - Wages: Two consecutive month’s pay stubs (most current)
 - ANY other source of income: a statement verifying the amount of income
- ◇ FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION for applicant/applicant’s spouse
 - ◇ FULL BANK STATEMENTS (two consecutive months) for ALL accounts (checking, savings, CD, etc.) for ALL adults age 18+ in the home
 - ◇ For stocks, bonds, retirement accounts (IRA, 401k, etc.) or any other assets with cash value, include a statement within the past two months showing the current value.
 - ◇ MORTGAGE/REVERSE MORTGAGE—If applicable. Send most current statement
- ◇ Proof of medical expenses (optional)

NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, clients, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients.

PHOTOGRAPHIC AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE STATEMENT

I do hereby grant and convey unto Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley. I am willing to have my picture taken and/or my voice recorded and grant Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley permission to use my picture, my voice and physical surroundings without restriction for the purposes of this project, be it print, projection, internet web site, video or any future media market.

I expressly release Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley or representatives or any institution transmitting, or exhibiting my picture or voice from any claims arising from such use or distribution.

I agree to be fully responsible for my own participation and hold Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley or representatives harmless from any liability or loss of expense arising from the use of my picture or voice. I also consent to the use of my name, my voice and/or picture, and other material about me for promotional, publicity, or organizational purposes.

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE STATEMENT

The undersigned applicant(s) (“Applicant”) declares that he/she has read and understands Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley Homeowner Application (“Application”) and that the information that he/she has provided in the Application is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge. The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that any information provided in the Application that is false, inaccurate, or misleading will void the Application entirely and disqualify the Applicant from Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley Application selection process. Further, the Applicant agrees and authorizes Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley, as well as its agents, employees, and representatives, to (a) distribute, share, and use any and all information that the Applicant provides in this Application to verify and/or confirm the truth of such information, (b) to assist and/or enable Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley to evaluate whether to approve or select the Applicant’s Application and (c) to distribute and share any and all information that the Applicant provides with other community service organizations whose service may benefit the homeowner. The original or a copy of this application may be retained even if the application is not approved.

I understand that by filing this application, I am authorizing Brush Up Our Veterans—Lehigh Valley to evaluate my actual need for the program.

I understand that the evaluation will include an exterior home assessment, and may include employment verification and title search.

Applicant Signature	Date	Spouse Signature	Date
Printed Applicant Name		Printed Spouse Name	