TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP

You must read the following statement prior to completing this form.

This form is required only if the applicant is seeking title to a vehicle (1) with a fair market value (FMV) of $3,000 or less or a vehicle at least 30 years old [regardless of FMV], **and** (2) the applicant is not able to provide other proper documentation to obtain a title.

Approval of this application and issuance of a title does not relieve the applicant from any past or future litigation concerning the vehicle. Any person fraudulently using a false or fictitious name on any application for registration of a vehicle or certificate of title, knowingly concealing a material fact, or otherwise committing fraud on any such application shall, upon conviction, be punished by the penalty prescribed under the Sentencing Reform Acts of 1989.

State of Tennessee, County of _____

I, _____ certify that I am the owner of the vehicle described herein:
(Print or Type Name)

Make _____ Year Model _____ Vehicle Identification Number _____

Model _____ Body Type _____ Mobile Home Length and Width _____

Motorcycle Engine Number _____ and under penalty of perjury, state that:

(1) The vehicle was acquired on the ____ day of _____ from _____
(Month/Year) *(Former Owner)*

whose address is _____
(Street) *(City)* *(State)* *(Zip)* *(Telephone Number)*

for $ _____. This vehicle is subject to the following lien _____
(Price) *(Lienholder)*

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(Street) *(City)* *(State)* *(Zip)* *(Telephone Number)*

I certify the above described vehicle is free and clear of all liens except those identified herein and will guarantee title to any future owner. I also certify the fair market value of the above described vehicle is less than or equal to $3,000 or the above vehicle is at least 30 years old.

(2) Applicant cannot furnish proper documents for the following reason(s): _____

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(3) If the vehicle is less than 30 years old, and the purchase price was more than $3,000, but the fair market value is now $3,000 or less, I certify the market value is $3,000 or less for the following reason(s): _____

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Under penalties of perjury, I hereby certify this information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ _____
(Signature of Certifier) *(Telephone Number)*

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT CERTIFICATION

This form is to be used for title application when required documents are not available and can only be used when the fair market value of the vehicle is $3,000 or less, or the vehicle is at least thirty (30) years old. Effective July 1, 2007, applicants may apply for registration at the time of submitting the required documentation.

In addition to this form, the following documentation is required if the vehicle is less than 30 years old:

1. **Notification**
   a. **If the owner(s) is known to the applicant** – certified letters with return receipt requested must be sent to all known parties with a legal interest in the vehicle, requesting an assigned certificate of title, the green `return receipt' cards must be submitted with the certification of ownership, **or**

   b. **If the previous owner is unknown to the applicant** – evidence of a notification in a publication of general circulation in the county in which the application is being made, of the intent of the applicant to apply for the title on the vehicle. The notification shall contain a description of the vehicle, including make, model, year and vehicle identification number, and a request to any and all parties holding an interest in the vehicle to contact the person in possession of the vehicle by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of the publication.

2. **Verification of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) by a law enforcement officer or licensed dealer.** This can be a pencil tracing of the actual Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) plate or a statement verifying the actual Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

3. **A notarized bill of sale from the last registered owner or a notarized statement from the seller stating why the vehicle was not titled or registered in the seller's name.**

4. **In the absence of a notarized bill of sale or notarized statement as indicated in #3, submit a licensed motor vehicle dealer appraisal of the value of the vehicle.**

5. **Photographs of the vehicle in its pre-repaired state.** If these are not available, then post-repair photographs must be submitted, along with a notarized statement from the applicant that the pre-repair photographs are not available, and that the applicant was unaware that such photographs were required prior to the repairs being made. If no repairs were made, that fact should be reflected in the statement.

6. **If the vehicle is new and has never been titled, and the manufacturer's statement of origin (MSO) has been lost, and a duplicate is not available, then a complete copy of the MSO that is certified as true and exact must be submitted.** This can be certified as true and exact via an attached letter on manufacturer letterhead or via a stamped certification statement by the manufacturer.

Use the following chart to determine the correct titling process for your vehicle:

Fair Market Value	Process Used
$0.00 to $3,000.00	**Certification of Ownership**
$3,001.00 and above	Corporate Surety Bond or Personal Bond with two (2) solvent personal sureties
*** Vehicle is 30 years or older, regardless of fair market value**	**Certification of Ownership**

FAIR MARKET VALUE DEFINED: Fair Market Value (FMV) is the price that property would sell for on the open market. It is the price that would be agreed on between a willing buyer and a willing seller, with neither being required to act, and both have reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts.