



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Vehicle Services Division

RV-F1313201 (Rev.09/23)

Surety Bond Application

PURPOSE: When owners of vehicles/manufactured homes with a fair market value (FMV) exceeding \$3000.01 and a manufacture year of less than 30 years old cannot supply requisite proof of ownership, an approved Surety Bond Application may be used to support an application for title. **This process is only for Tennessee residents and the value must be over \$3000.01 and newer than 30 years old.**

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the application below and include all required documents on page 2 for review to Suretybond.title@tn.gov

I. APPLICANT & VEHICLE INFORMATION:

1 Name of Applicant: Loretta J. Bramblett

Physical Address: 1418 Cruze Hollow Rd

City, State, Zip: Maryville, TN 37803 Phone: (865) 555-0173

Email: l.bramblett@example.com

Mailing Address (if different):

2 Vehicle Identification Number: 1N6AD0EV8DN737415

Vehicle Year: 2013 Vehicle Make: Nissan Vehicle Model: Frontier SV

3 Current Appx. Value (if Mobile Home, exclude land value): \$ 8,400.00 Mobile Home Length x Width:

Explain reason for application: The pickup was bought from an estate in March. The executor signed a bill of sale but the certificate of title was never found among the papers, and the estate has since been closed. A dealer appraisal of the current value is attached.

II. SELLER INFORMATION (Person or Company from whom the vehicle was purchased):

Person/Company: Hollis P. Grider, executor of the estate of Verna L. Grider

Address: 4405 Chapman Hwy

City, State, Zip: Seymour, TN 37865 Phone: (865) 555-0186

III. BOND INFORMATION (Choose personal or corporate Bond and supply required information):

☒ **Personal Bond:** Name, physical address (no P.O. boxes), and property value of two sureties signing bond required.

1:	NAME	STREET	CITY	ST	ZIP	PROPERTY VALUE
	<u>Bernice T. Halcomb</u>	<u>210 Tuckaleechee Pike</u>	<u>Maryville</u>	<u>TN</u>	<u>37803</u>	<u>184,300</u>
2:	<u>Ferrell D. Ogle</u>	<u>1907 Wildwood Rd</u>	<u>Alcoa</u>	<u>TN</u>	<u>37701</u>	<u>162,750</u>

(Include Property Tax Documents from www.tennesseetrustee.org, Tax Assessor, Banker, County Clerk or county website showing the value of properties.)

☐ **Corporate Bond:** Name and address (no P.O. boxes) of surety company signing bond required.

COMPANY NAME	STREET	CITY	ST	ZIP
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IV. CERTIFICATION: I, the undersigned applicant, hereby certify that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Fraudulent statements made in this application could result in denial of this request and subject the signatory to criminal and civil penalties.

7 Loretta J. Bramblett 06/22/2026
SIGNATURE DATE

How to fill out RV-F1313201 — Surety Bond Application

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The other half of the no-title problem: a vehicle over the \$3,000 line and under thirty years old, where a certification of ownership is not available. A bond stands behind the title for three years so that anyone with a better claim has something to claim against. Tennessee writes the personal version itself at no cost to the applicant, which is unusual, and it wants two landowners to sign it with you.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank RV-F1313201 from the Tennessee Department of Revenue at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/revenue/documents/forms/titlereg/f1313201Fill-in.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	Confirm you are on the right side of the line	Over \$3,000.01 in fair market value and under thirty model years old. Below or older, and this is the wrong form. Watch out: The value has to be supported. Either a bill of sale from the last registered owner or a written appraisal from a dealer or a valuation site goes in with the application.
2	YOU	Block I, you and the vehicle	Your details, then the vehicle identification number, year, make, model and current approximate value. Watch out: The value you write is what the bond is measured against and what the sales tax is later calculated on. Rounding it down is not a saving, it is a rejection risk.
3	YOU	Explain reason for application	Two lines describing why you cannot supply proof of ownership. Watch out: Two lines is not much, so lead with the fact and not the history. An estate that closed, a lienholder that dissolved, a title that never arrived after a duplicate was ordered - the clerk reading it wants the shape of the gap.
4	YOU	Block II, who you bought it from	The person or company and their full address and phone number. Watch out: If you cannot name them, say so in block I rather than leaving block II empty. An unexplained blank in a fraud-sensitive process is worse than an awkward answer.
5	YOU	Personal or corporate	Two sureties who own Tennessee land, or one bonding company. Tick one and complete only that half. Watch out: The personal route costs nothing but asks two people to put their property behind your title for three years. Ask them before you write their names down.
6	YOU	The sureties' details and their tax cards	Name, physical street address, city, state, ZIP and property value for each, with a recent property tax bill for each attached. Watch out: Property values come from tennesseetrustee.org , the assessor or the county website. A number remembered from a conversation is not general tax certification.
7	YOU	Sign, email it, and wait for the letter	Signature and date in block IV, then the whole thing to the surety bond mailbox at the Vehicle Services Division. Watch out: The approval letter is the thing that unlocks the county clerk. Without it the clerk has nothing to process, and the letter also tells you what the sales tax will be.

What gets this one rejected

- A post office box for a surety. The form says no P.O. boxes twice, once for each route.
- Sureties who live with each other or with you. The instruction is that the two must not share the same address or live at the same address as the principal.
- Being your own surety. The principal cannot be their own surety, in the form's own words.
- No tax cards. The general tax certification is what proves the land is in Tennessee and what it is worth; without it the bond has nothing behind it.
- A legally affixed mobile home. Surety bonds cannot be written for one, and the Department checks the register of deeds for a recorded affidavit of affixation.
- An out-of-state applicant. The purpose paragraph limits the whole process to Tennessee residents.

☐ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.

Read off RV-F1313201 (Rev 09/23) and the Tennessee Department of Revenue's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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