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Welcome to the Escambia County Cares Act Portal

The national COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted many residents of Escambia County and our business community. The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to provide financial grant opportunities to eligible residents and small businesses. Grants will be provided to:

- Residents and families who have been financially impacted;
- Small businesses that have been forced to temporarily close and/or lost significant business revenue; and
- Residents seeking re-employment or better jobs through a worker training program.

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Time to Apply!

Applications for the Escambia Cares Rent and Mortgage Assistance Grant Program will be accepted beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020 through Monday, Sept. 14, 2020 or until funds have been committed. The application link will be available online at 8 a.m.

More information will be released later about the Escambia Cares Family Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Program and the Escambia Cares Business Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Program.

This site provides the criteria for eligibility for these grants as well as an online application to submit. If you are unable to complete the application online, please call the Escambia County Recovery Line at 850-471-6600. It is critical that applications be submitted as soon as possible as this support will be provided on a first-qualified, first-served basis.

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Escambia Cares Rent and Mortgage Assistance Grant Program

Purpose:

Grants for residents of Escambia County that are overdue on mortgage or rent payments. ***News release with additional information***

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- Escambia County resident (including City of Pensacola and Town of Century)
- Income adversely impacted by COVID-19
- Total household income cannot exceed 120% Area Median Income
- This program is for **past due** rent, mortgage and utilities ONLY

To expedite assistance, applicants should gather the following information in advance:

- Photo identification for all members of the household over the age of 18
- Social security cards for all members of the household
- Documentation of a loss or reduction of income due to COVID-19, such as employer notice of reduced hours or layoff due to COVID; two pay stubs that show a reduction in income; unemployment letter; and/or other documentation showing a reduction in income related to COVID-19
- Current income information for ALL members of the household. This includes income from employment, child support, alimony, social security, disability, retirement, unemployment, veterans benefits, or self employment income. *NOTE: food stamps are not considered income*
- Current asset information for ALL household members. This includes checking and savings accounts, IRA, CD, bonds, stocks, real estate, whole life insurance, pensions, etc.
- For RENTERS, current Lease in household member's name and contact information for your landlord (landlord must agree to participate)
- FOR OWNERS, most recent mortgage statement in household member's name and contact information (lender must agree to participate). Property must be primary residence as evidenced by Homestead Exemption
- FOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE, most recent utility bill(s) in household member's name showing amount(s) owed

STOP Please have all the above documentation prepared to upload before you start the application. You will not be able to save your work. Instructions

Apply online starting at 8 a.m. Sept. 1, 2020. Applications will be accepted through Monday, Sept. 14, 2020 or until funds have been committed.

Apply Online

Printable Application

Escambia Cares Family Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Program and Escambia Cares Business Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Program information to come...

Have questions about an Assistance Program or application? Visit the FAQ page to find more information.

Uploading Documents –

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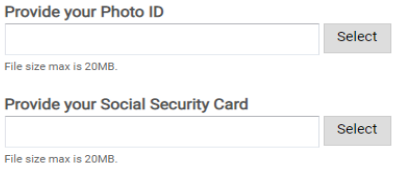

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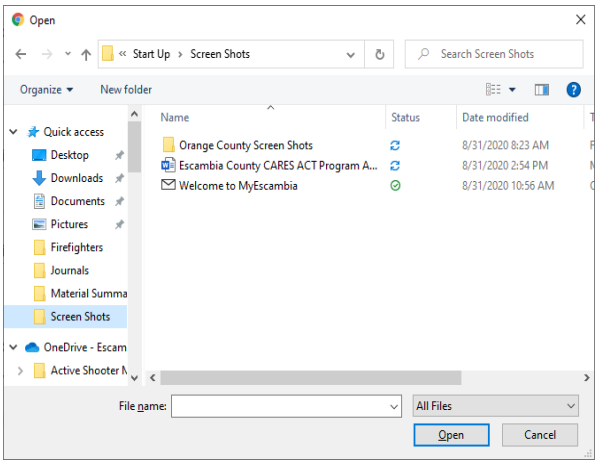

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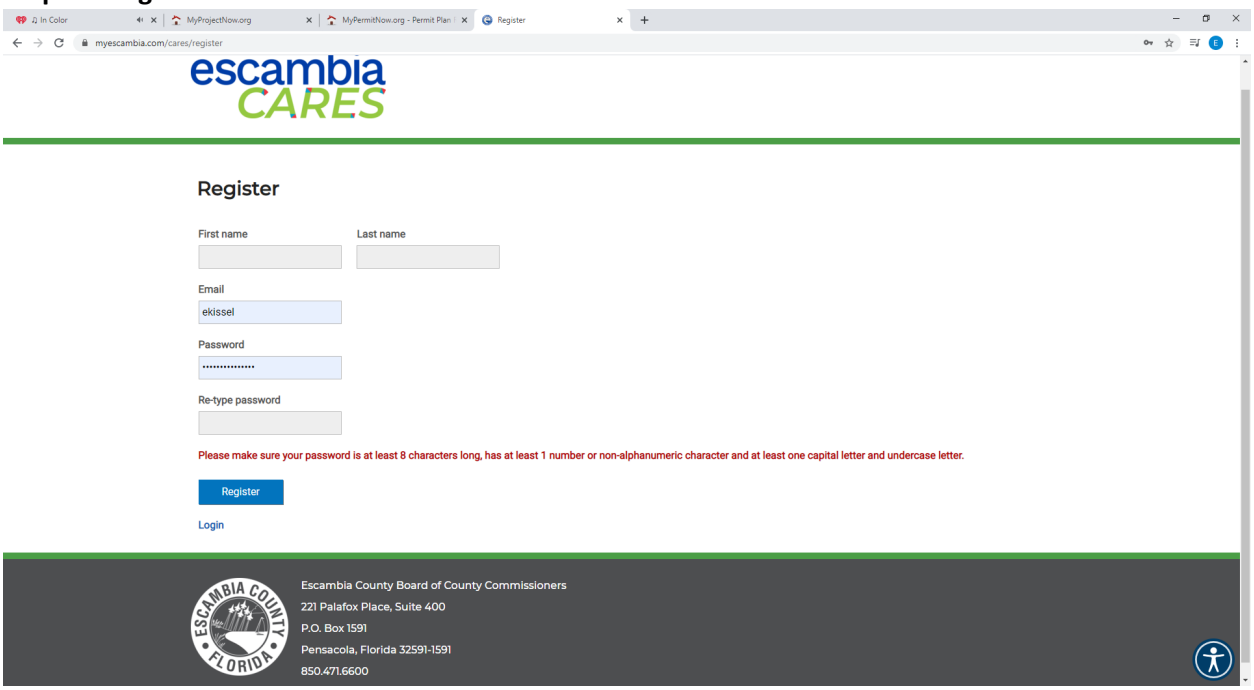
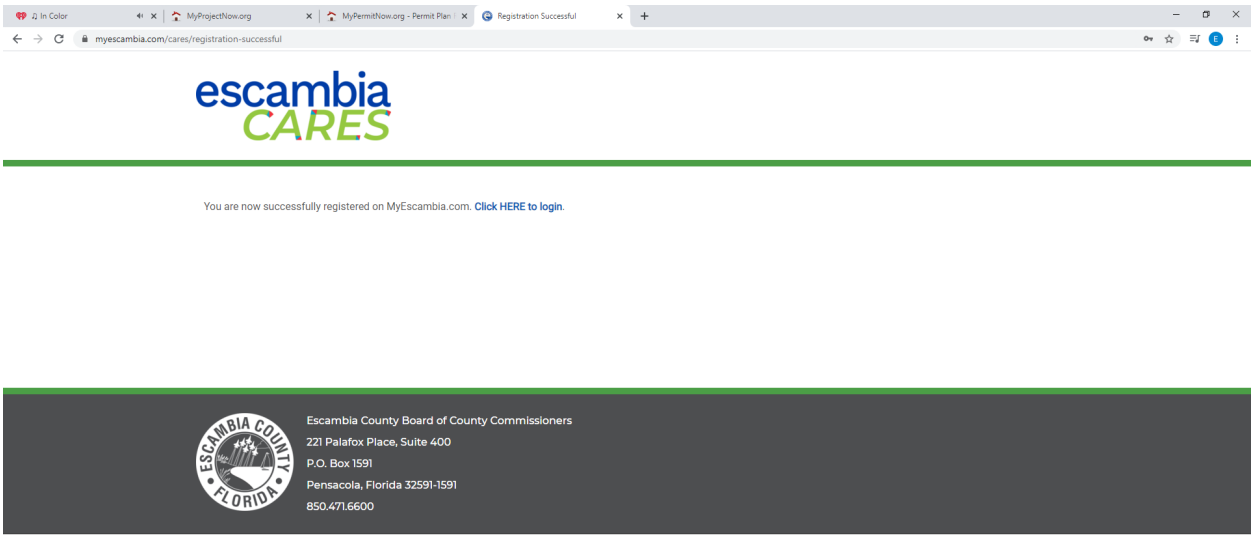


Registration Confirmation - Click HERE to login



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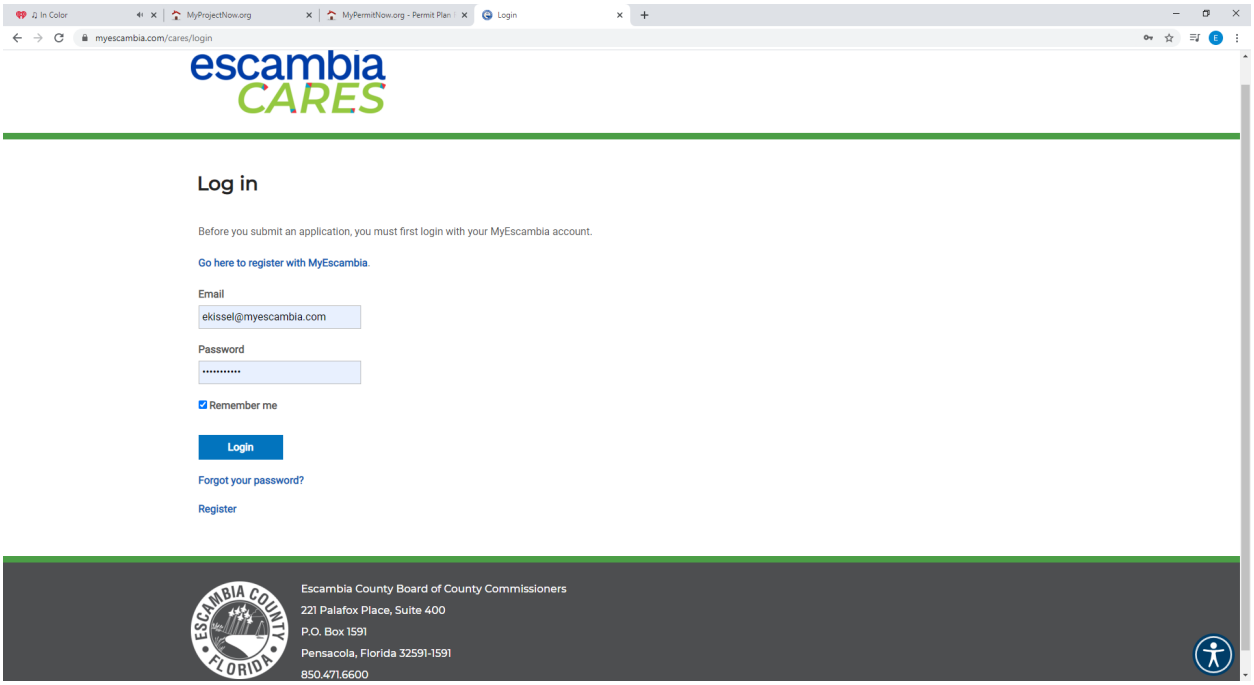

Step 3 – Application

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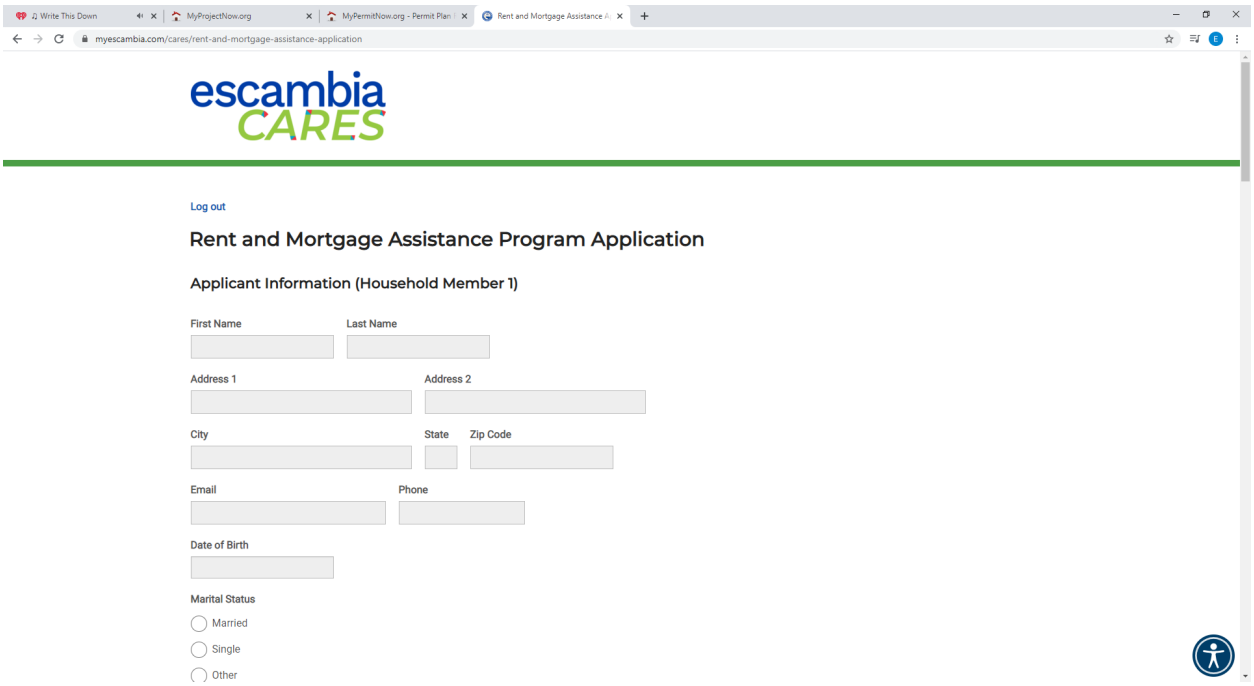

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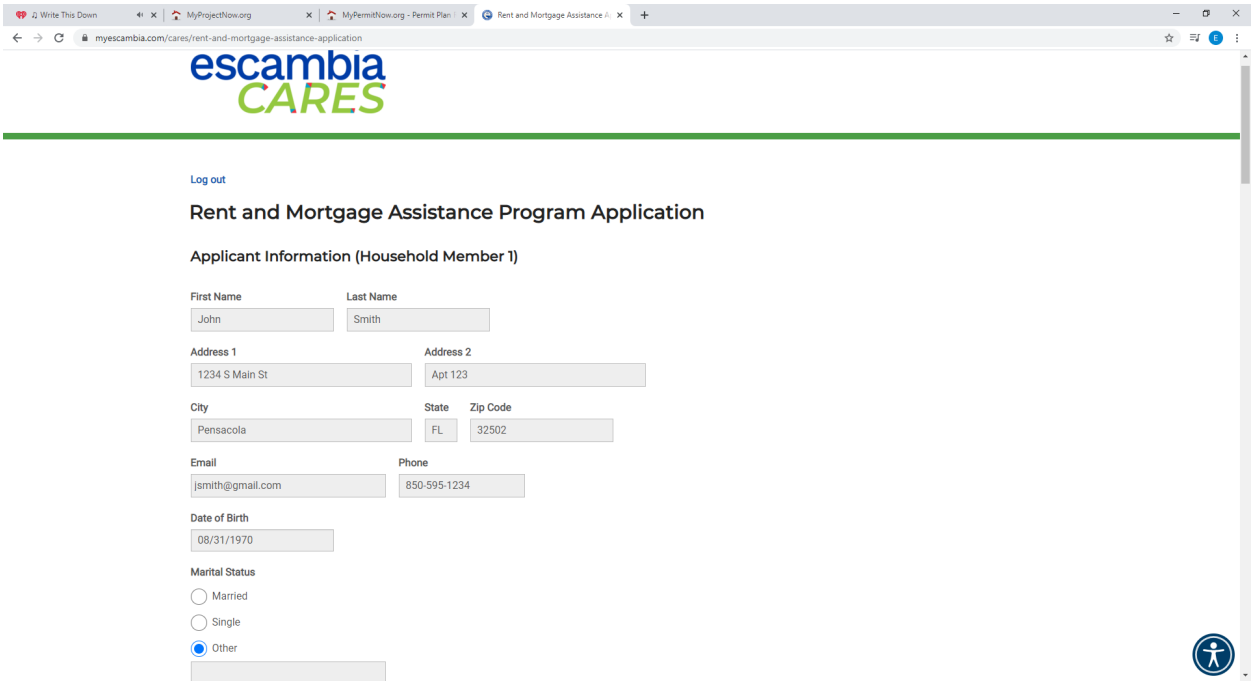

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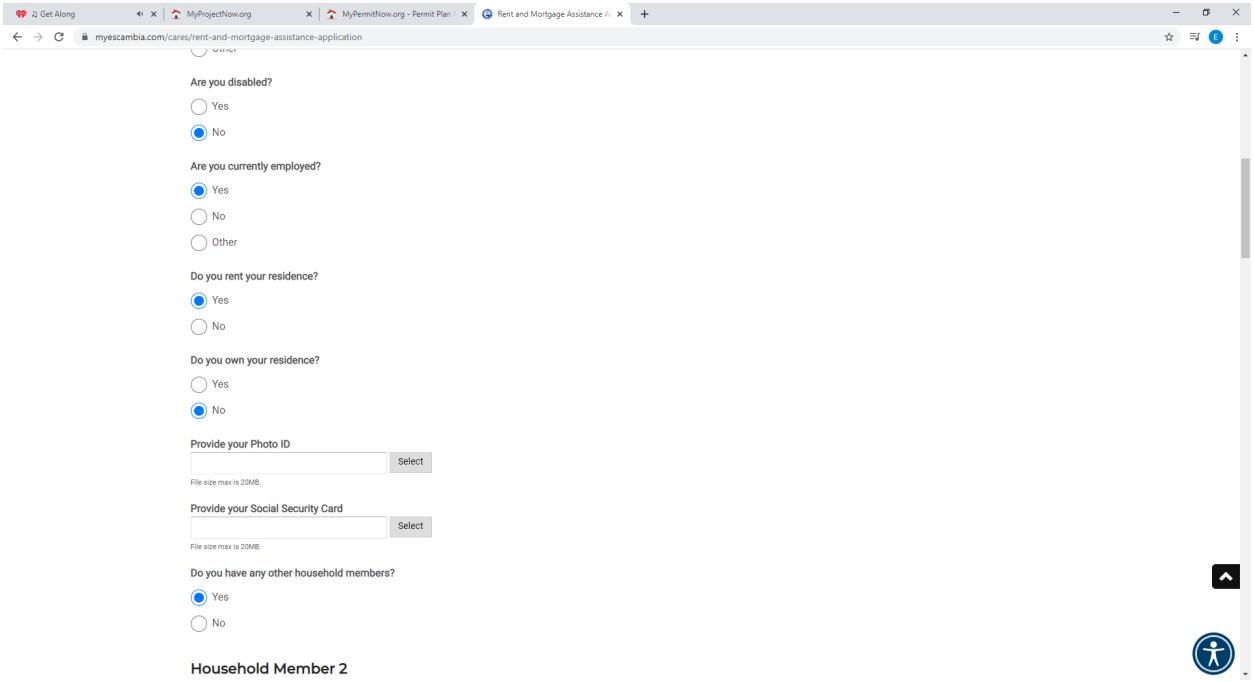

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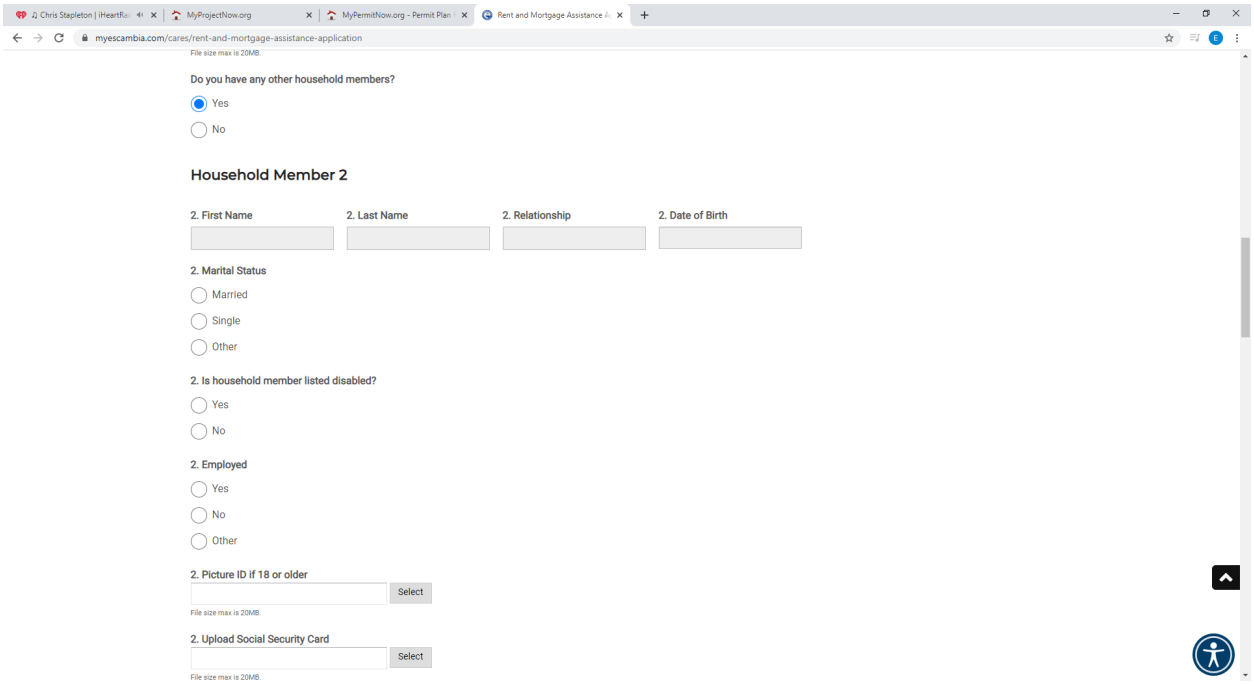
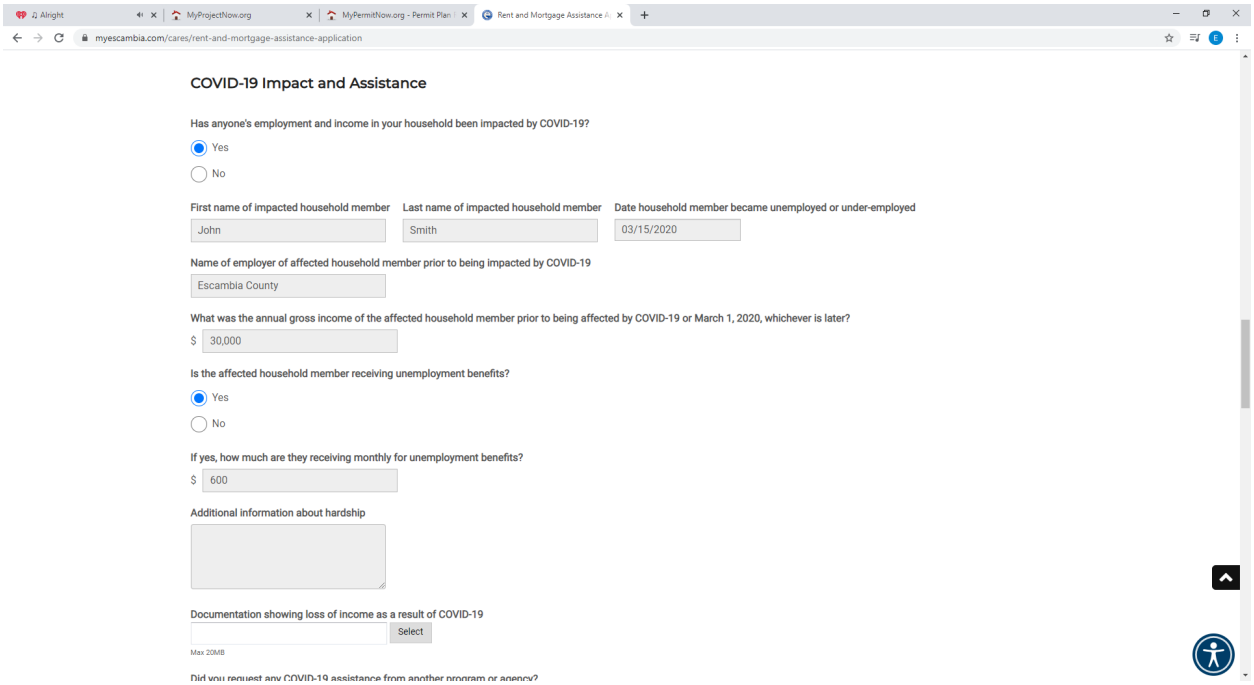


Step 4 – Complete Application Continued (COVID-19 Impact and Assistance – please be ready to tell us how you have been impacted by COVID-19 and any assistance that you have already received. Also be prepared to UPLOAD documentation showing loss of income)



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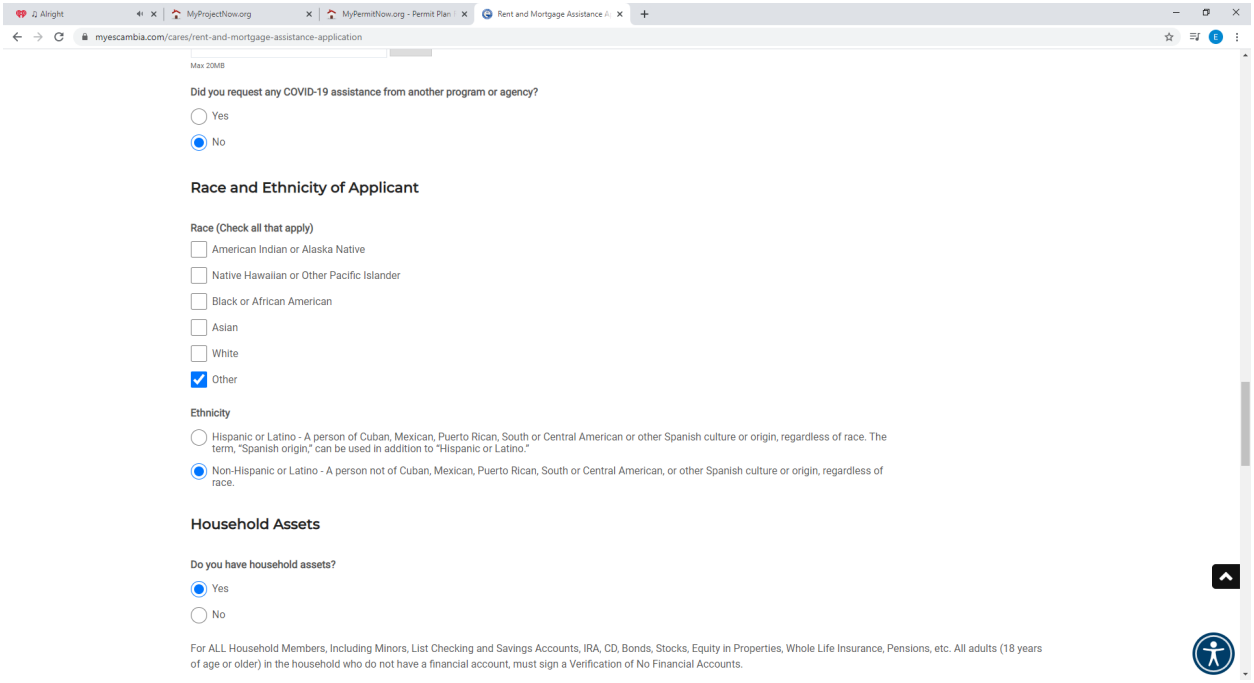

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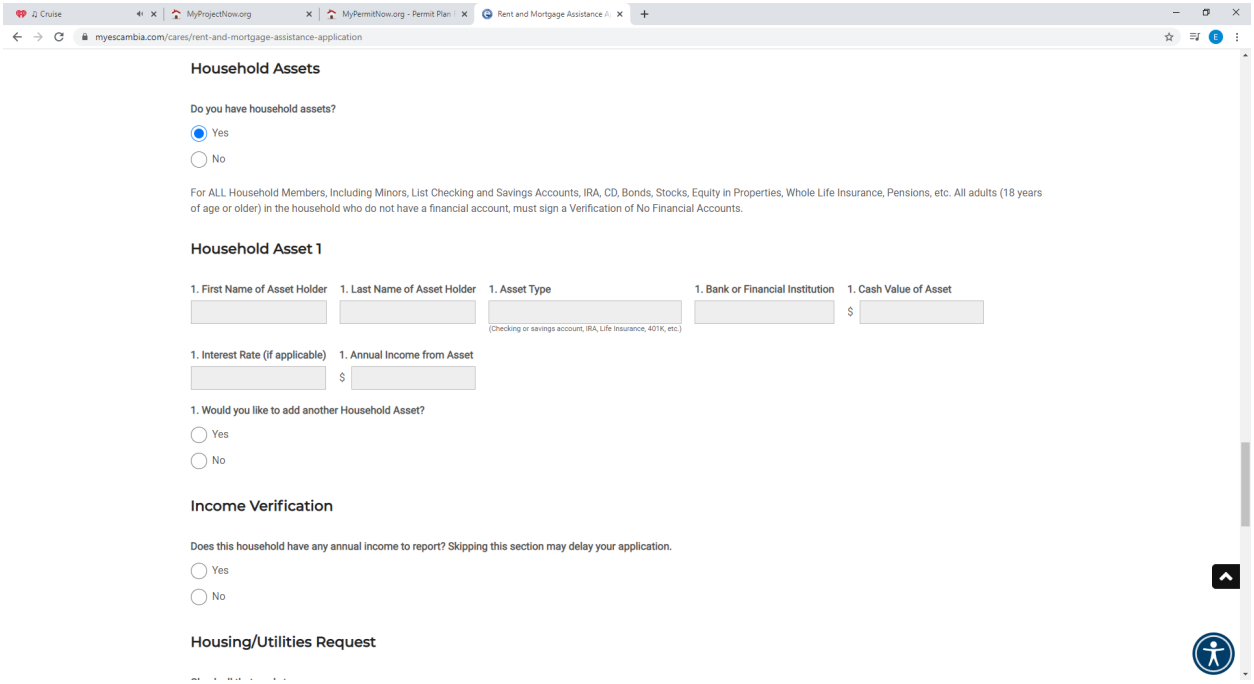

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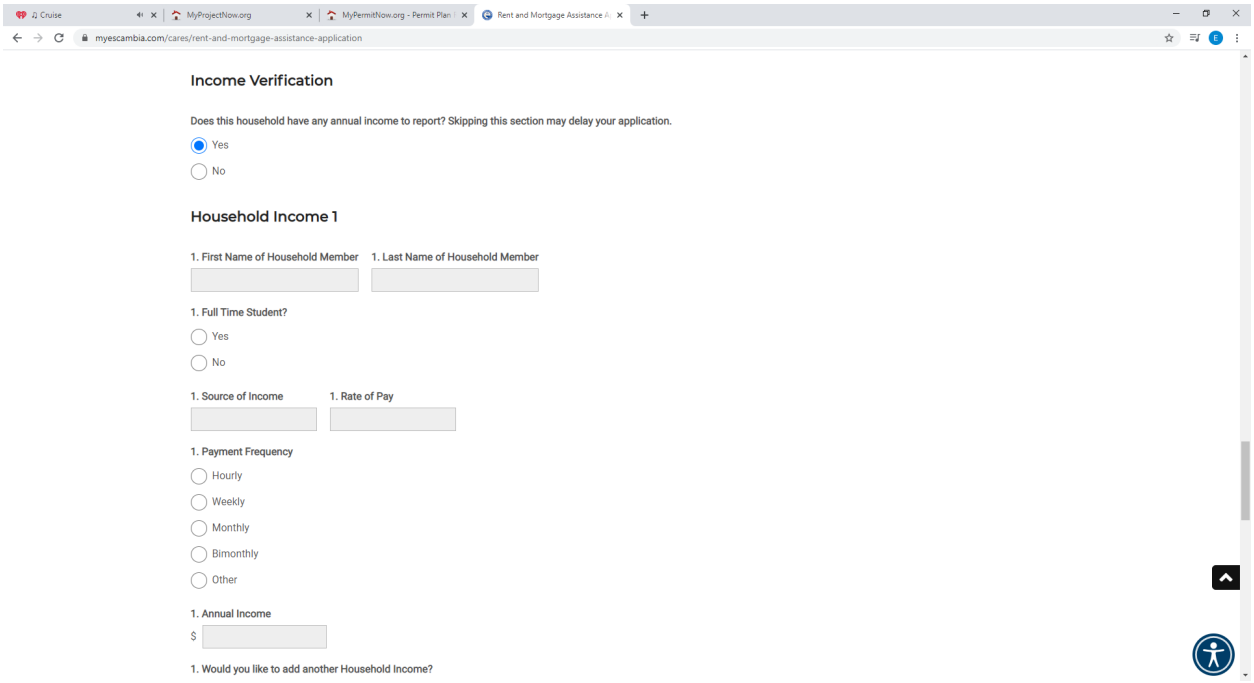

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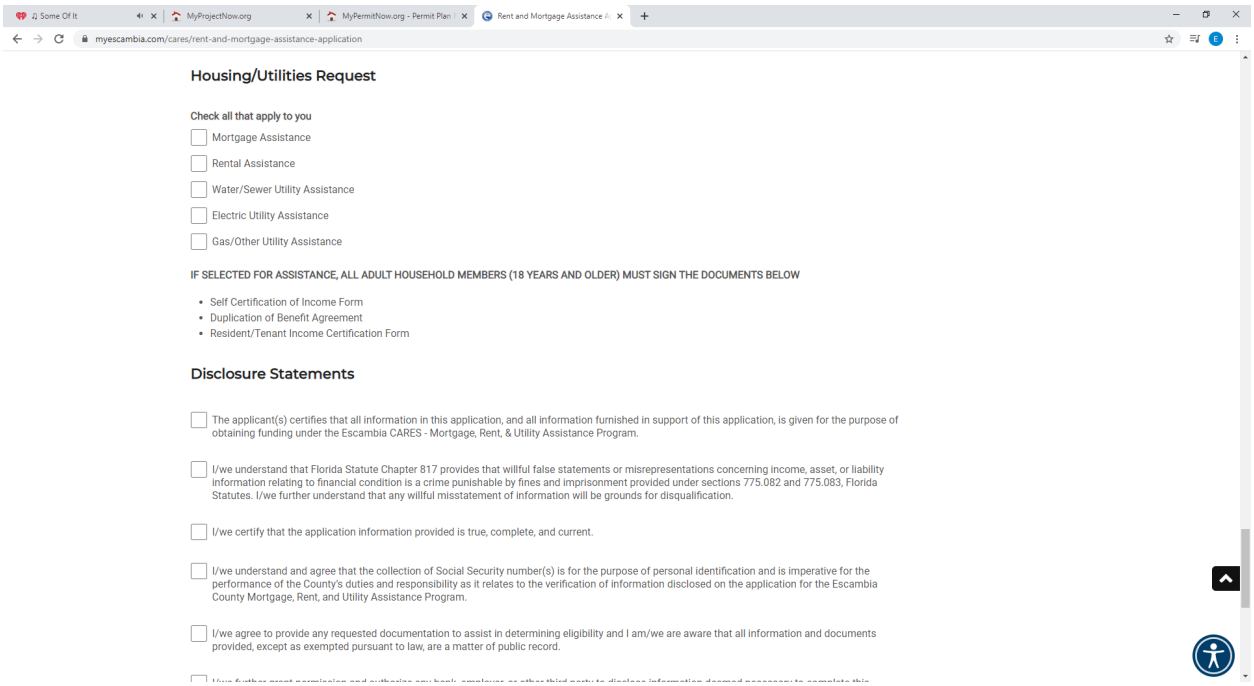

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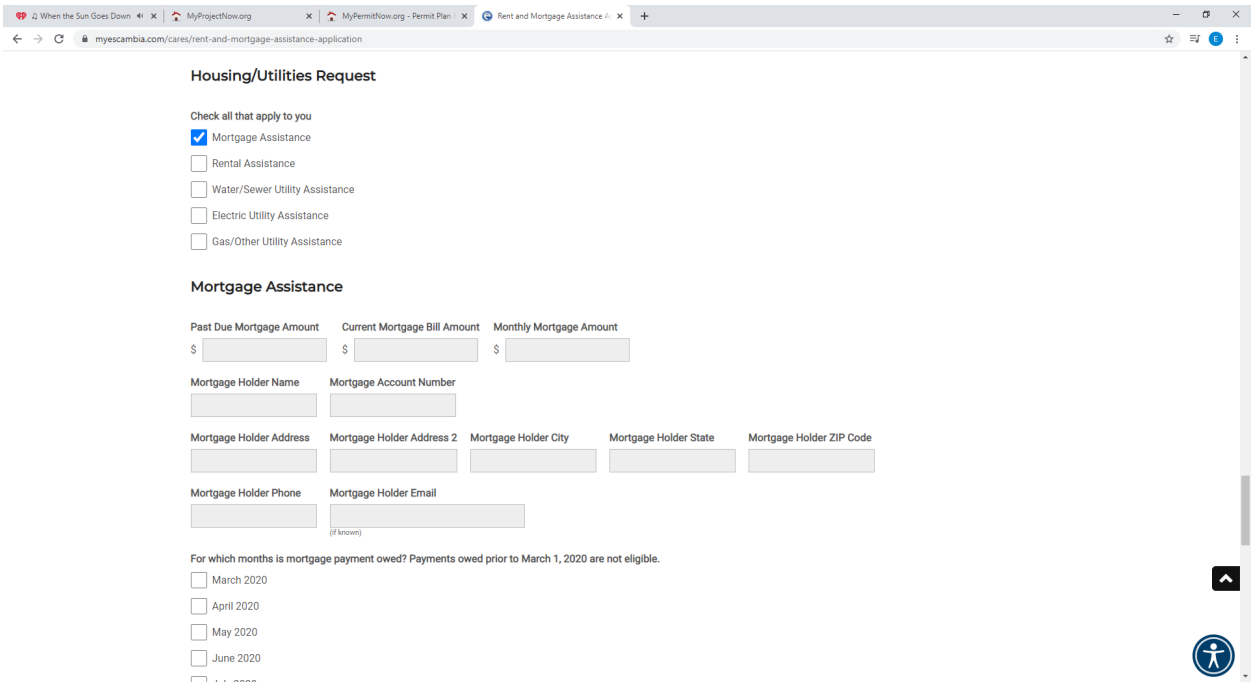

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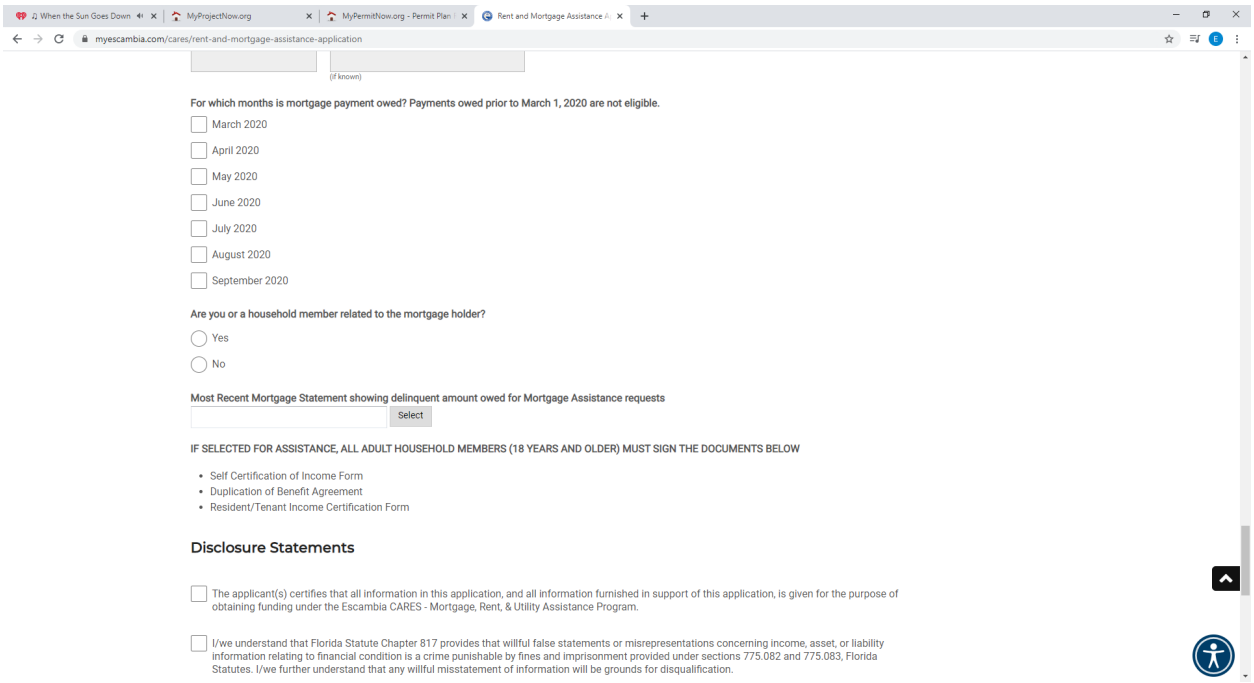

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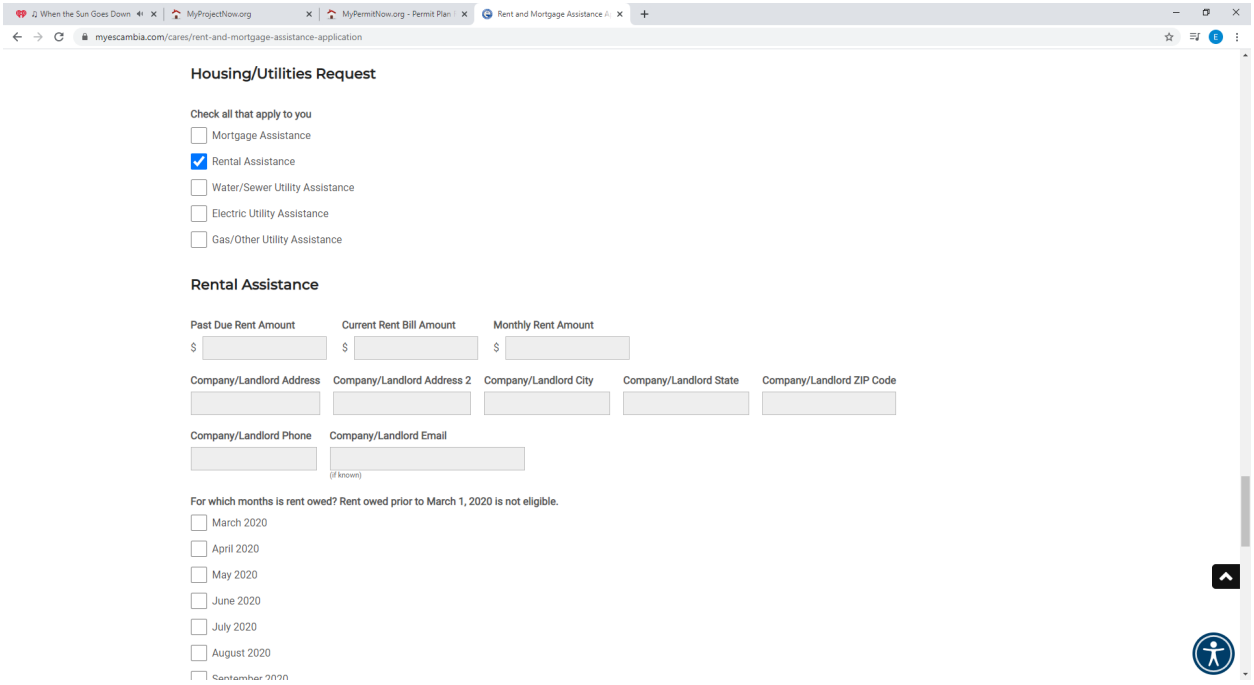

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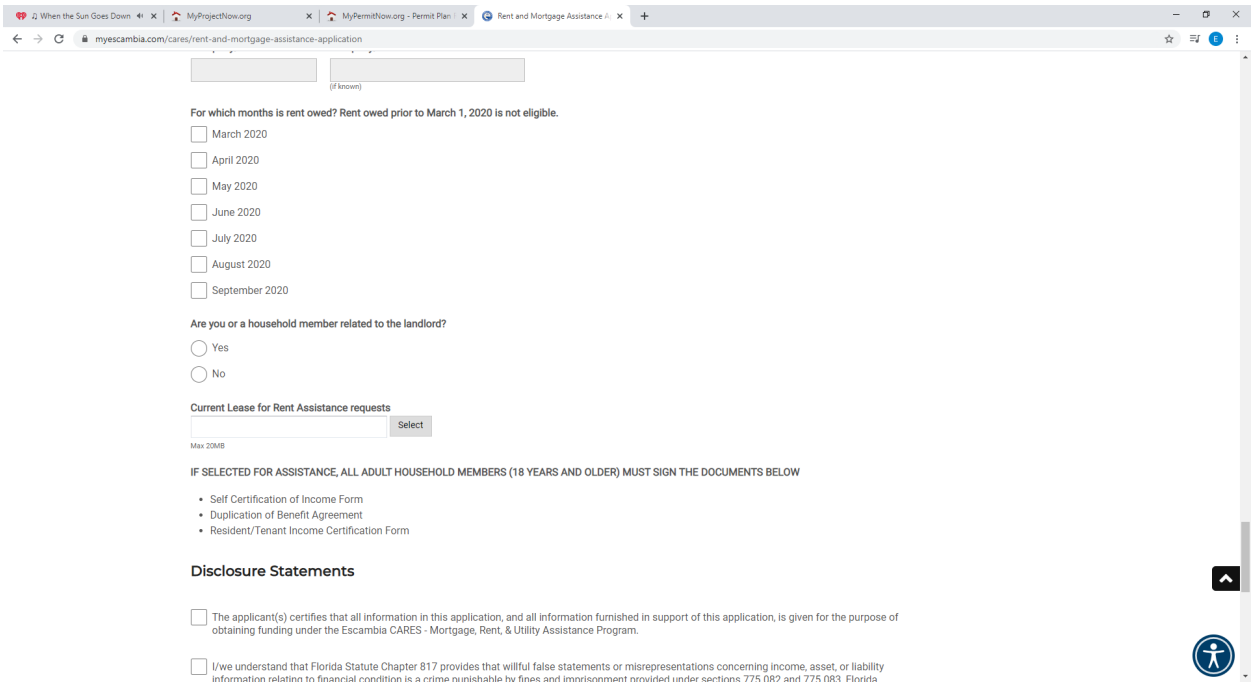

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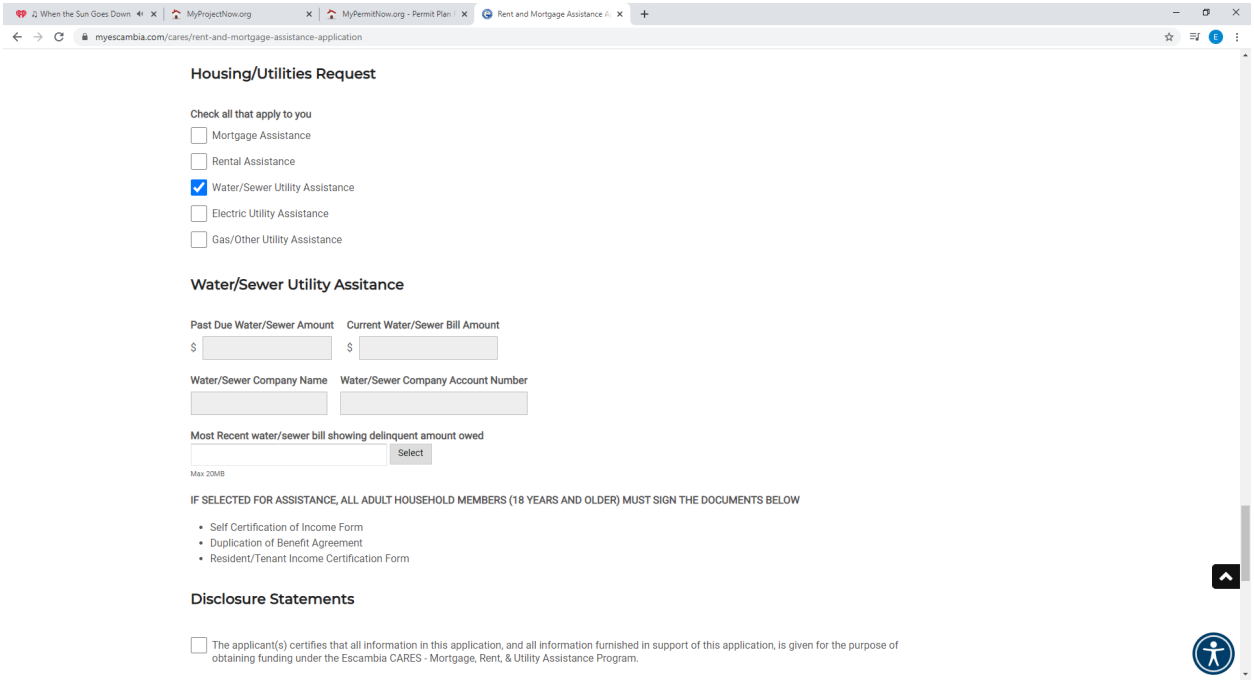

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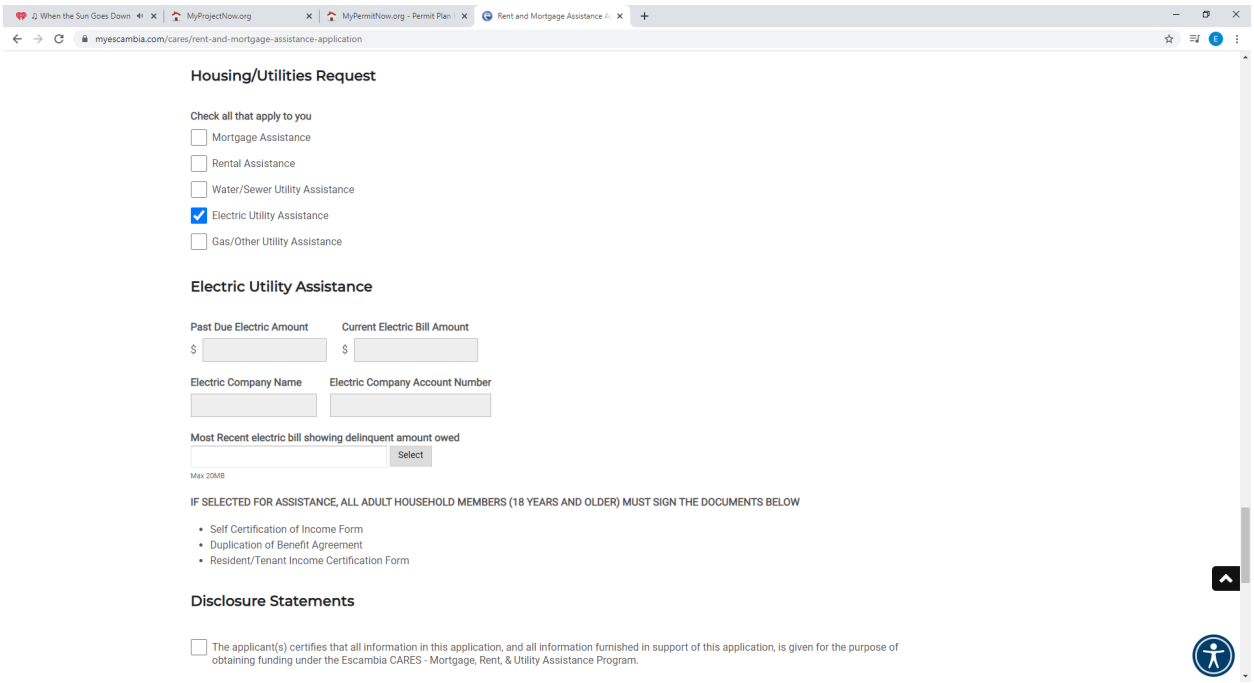

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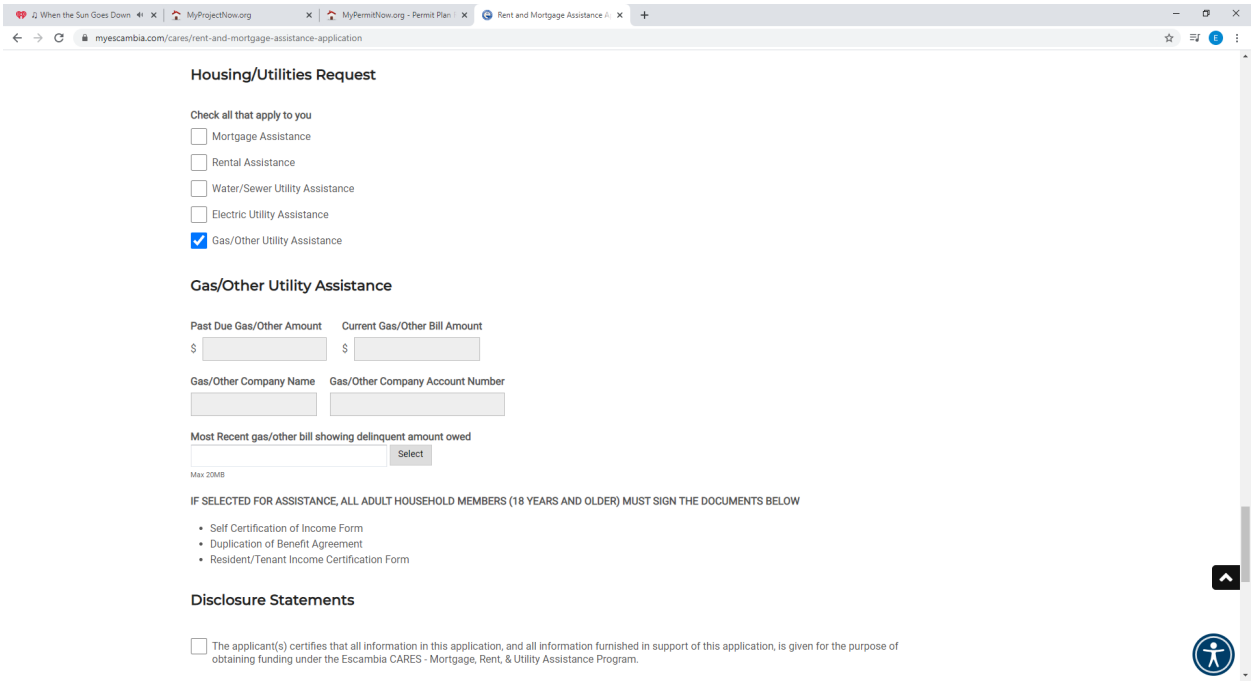
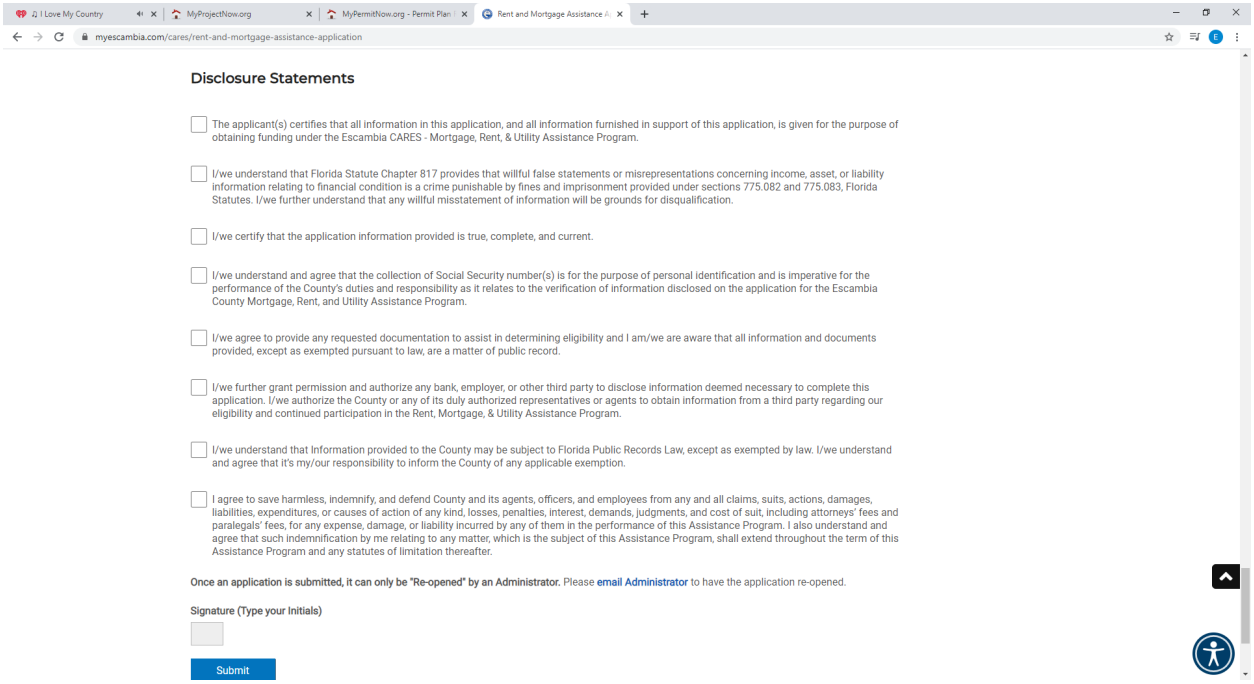


Step 5 – Disclosure Statements (Please read these carefully and check the box next to each one acknowledging that you have read and understand them)



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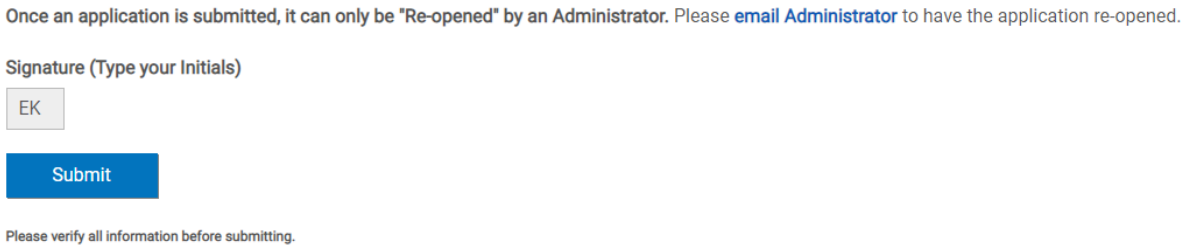
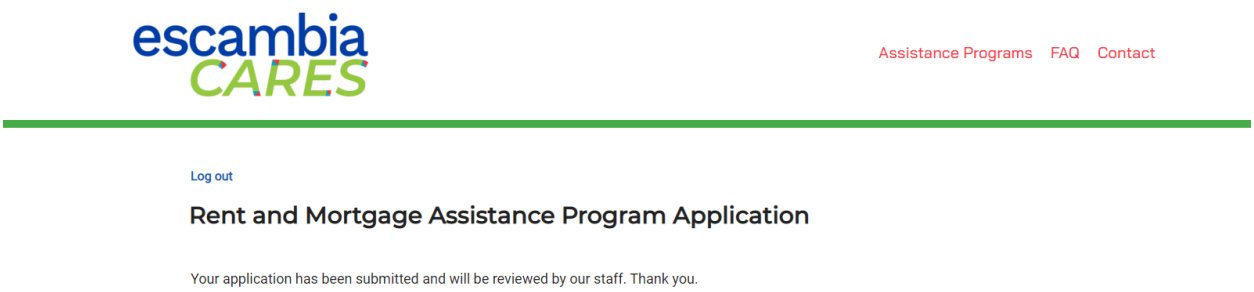
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