

Your Step-By-Step Guide to Mortgage Loans





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I have been in the Mortgage Industry since 2009. Before joining Equity Resources, I was a Loan Officer at a very large bank and decided to leave because I felt too many customers were becoming just a number and not a priority. That is not why I am in the mortgage industry. Very simply, I work for you. My goal is to make customers for life, not customers for today. My approach is that of a consultant listening to the client and offering solutions to meet their objectives. Whether the client is looking to purchase a primary residence, second home, investment property or just refinancing their current mortgage, I will work to provide the best solution that meets their needs.

Currently I reside in Beaver, PA with my wife Stacia, my daughter Whitley Grace, and my two step sons, Braden and Cade (or as I like to call them, "Primetime and Big Hoss"). Family is extremely important to me, as I know my clients' families are to them. This is why I chose to leave the big bank and join Equity Resources, because helping families is my number one priority.

If you're ready to buy a home, refinance or simply need advice, please call or text me at (412) 651-6989 or email <u>Smorrow@CallEquity.net</u>.

Customer Testimonial

"Shawn and his team did an incredible job of not only consistently staying in touch with us during the house buying process, but also thoroughly explained each step of the process. The whole team was very prompt and friendly whenever we dealt with them. The videos were fun to watch and extremely beneficial to our knowledge! Thanks for all of your help!"

- Noah, Raving Fan Homebuyer

ROAD TO HOME OWNERSHIP!

GET PRE-APPROVED Work with your lender to get pre-approved. Submit application & documents for review. Determine how much you can afford.

DECIDE TO BUY A HOME Make sure you are ready both financially and emotionally.

START

MEET WITH YOUR REALTOR Define what type of home you're looking for (style, price, neighborhood).

YOU'VE FOUND THE HOUSE Work with your REALTOR to make an offer. Review the comps. Put in price & terms you're comfortable with.

SUBMIT OFFER Work with your REALTOR to put together the offer package (purchase contract, copy of initial deposit, loan approval).

LOOK AT PROPERTIES

Take notes. Which properties meet most of your wishes/needs. Be open.

> SUBMIT LOAN TO LENDER documents to your lender.

NEGOTIATE

It may take a few rounds to get an offer accepted. Be patient.

OFFER ACCEPTED Get initial deposit to them if needed.

CONDUCT INSPECTIONS

Perform all inspections (general home, pest, etc.). This is the time to find out everything you can about the home.

REVIEW INSPECTIONS & APPRAISAL

If there are any issues, this is the time to possibly re-negotiate with seller.

REVIEW WITH LENDER

ORDER LOAN DOCUMENTS Lender prepares and sends closing documents to the title company.

Welcome Home!

CONGRATULATIONS! the house is yours!

CLOSING Attend closing and sign the documents. Bring funds.

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Clear to Close

from Underwriting!

Homebuyer's Wishlist

Property Information

Age of Home Preferred:

Kitchen Requirements

Heating and Air Conditioning

Notes:

Eat-in Kitchen:
Ves
No Fireplace: \Box Yes \Box No

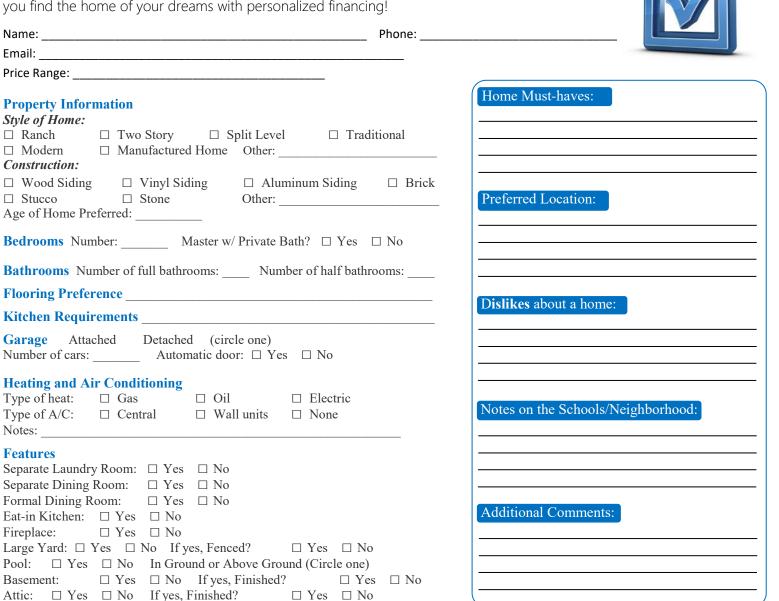
Features

Style of Home:

Construction:

□ Ranch

Shopping for and finding your dream home can be guite an adventure. To make it a little easier we've created this wishlist. Just fill in your preferences, send to us, and we'll help you find the home of your dreams with personalized financing!





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Loan Documentation

Employment/Income:

- Provide most recent paystubs for 1 month
- Provide ALL W-2's for the past two years
- Provide all pages and schedules of last two years personal Federal tax returns
- If self employed, Provide all pages and schedules of last two years business tax returns and corporate K-1's
- □ If Retired, Provide benefit award letter, last two years 1099's, and all pages and schedules of last two years of tax returns
- □ If any rental income is received, Provide copy of current lease agreement and mortgage statement

Assets:

- Provide ALL pages of most recent 2 months statements for all accounts; including all checking, savings, stocks, IRA, 401k, etc.. The statements must show your name, account number and the name of the banking institution.
- If funds to close will come from a gift, complete the gift letter and the following:
 From the donor—bank statements showing funds in the donor's account and a copy of the check from the donors account
 From the borrower—a copy of the deposit slip showing the gift check deposited into your account
- If funds to close will come from sale of home, copy of the Closing Disclosure from sale of home and deposit slip showing proceeds deposited into bank account

Credit:

Do not apply or open any new credit until after closing.

Property:

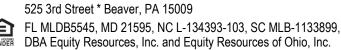
- □ Homeowners insurance agents name and phone number
- If you're retaining your current residence, provide a mortgage statement showing taxes and insurance are included in the monthly payment
- Copy of the cleared hand money check, front and back



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Your Credit Score

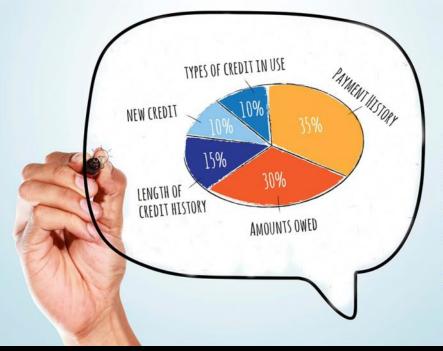
And the Factors that Influence It

Understanding the makeup of your credit score is the first step toward managing and improving it.

As you might expect, payment history is the most influential component in your credit score, followed closely by the amounts you owe. To lesser degrees, the length of time you've utilized credit, the number of new accounts or inquiries you have, and the various types of credit accounts you hold also impact your score. Overall reporting also looks at how these factors relate to each other in the context of your personal usage.

To help achieve or maintain a healthy score, always remember the following:

- Have a system to assure your bills are always paid on time.
- Avoid late payments or the excessive use of credit by maintaining a cash "cushion" to pay for unexpected expenses.
- Don't "max out" your cards. It's better to have a high credit limit with a low balance.
- Never close old accounts as the age of these can actually help your score.



- If you shop for credit, do so in the shortest time period possible to minimize inquiries counted against you.
- Don't be afraid to use credit. You need several accounts in order to have a credit score. Just be sure to keep corresponding payments within your means.

If you have established credit, don't open new accounts solely for the sake of earning a discount on a new purchase. In the long run, you may spend more than you save up front by paying higher interest rates due to a lower score. Having more accounts also increases the task of making payments and the possibility of missing one.

If you have questions about managing your credit, give us a call. We're happy to help.



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Do's and Don'ts

During the Loan Process



- Originate any inquiries on your credit, acquire any additional lines of credit or make any large purchases on existing credit
- Deposit gift funds until instructions are given to ensure proper documentation is established
- Co-sign with anyone to obtain a line of credit or make a purchase
- Change jobs, become self-employed or quit your job
- Make any large deposits into existing accounts or change bank accounts
- Spend money set aside for closing



- Make me aware immediately of any marital status or job/salary changes taking place for all parties
- Bring a cashiers check made payable to the title company for the amount you need at closing
- Acquire homeowner's insurance at least 2 weeks prior to closing with minimum coverage equal to the amount of your total loan or the replacement value of the house

Your Loan Will Be On Its Way To A Smooth Closing!





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The Loan Estimate document that is issued within three days of your mortgage loan application lists all costs associated with your proposed loan. Some of these costs can change before final closing, and others are set unless a revised document is provided.

Each cost listed on the written Loan Estimate falls into a "bucket" according to whether changes are tolerated.



No Variations:

- Lender and broker charges
- Fees paid to an affiliate of the creditor or broker
- Fees paid to an unaffiliated third party if shopping is not allowed
- Transfer taxes



Limited Increases: (Up to 10% Aggregate)

- Fees paid to an unaffiliated third party if shopping is allowed and included on a separate written list provided by the creditor
- Recording fees
- Services that you may shop for but choose not to

Variations Permitted:

- Pre-paid Interest
- Certain Real Estate Taxes
- Property Insurance Premium
- Amounts Placed in Escrow
- Charges paid to third-party providers not included on a written list provided by the creditor
- Charges paid to third-party providers not required by the creditor

If you have questions about the costs on your written Loan Estimate or final Closing Disclosure, please don't hesitate to ask. We are here to help.



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Your Easy Moving Checklist

Moving Droporations

Use this simple list when it's time to move.



MOVING OUT

Moving Preparations		Change Address
 Buy boxes Schedule movers Transportation needs Utilities to Cancel 	 Reserve storage unit School transcript for children Pet transportation needs 	 Arrange post office to hold ma for new address Utilities to Turn On
 Telephone, check for refund Water, check for refund Garbage Change Address 	 □ Gas & electric, check for refund □ Cable, check for refund □ Propane 	 New telephone number Gas & electric Garbage Cable Water Propane Government License & Services Apply for state driver's license Register car New address on driver's license Register to vote Register children in school Medical Services New doctor New doctor New dentist New veterinarian
 Forward address to post office Work/Human Resources Bank accounts Cell phone(s) Medical Services 	 Credit card accounts Publications/Newspapers Investments/Mutual funds 	
 Medical records Prescription transfer Closer to Moving Day 	Dental recordsVeterinarian records	
 Defrost refrigerator Hand carry jewelry and valuables Leave garage door openers 	 □ Travel cash or checks □ Leave keys 	
Other Notes		



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