

# About H.O.P.E. Expo



**HOPE Expo is a one-day Workshop and Exhibit offered FREE to prospective Home Buyers on an annual basis.**

**This year is the 27th year of the Expo, which is held annually during National Home Ownership Month.**

This Home Ownership Event is made possible through the efforts of a number of Tampa Bay Area Non-Profit and Government-Funding Agencies, Lenders and Realtors volunteering their time to work together in the planning of the Expo.

Our goal is to help you achieve the Dream of Home Ownership by providing you access to experienced professionals involved in many facets of the Home Buying field.

This year's Expo will feature an Exhibit Hall where over 30 housing-related Professionals will have booths for you to visit and get information. The Exhibitors will include Lenders, Real Estate Agents, Credit Counselors, Non-Profit Down Payment Assistance Programs, and others.

[Click here for a listing of this year's Sponsors and Exhibitors.](#)

You will also have the opportunity to attend a 6-hour Home Buying Workshop and receive an 88-page Home Buying guide.

[\(To find out more about the Workshop, click here\).](#)

The Workshop will answer questions such as:

1. Do I qualify for any Assistance Programs?
2. How do I qualify for a mortgage?
3. What documents will a Lender need?
4. Where do I start?
5. Why is a good credit report so important? How do I clean up my credit?
6. Do I need a Home Inspection?
7. How are my Property Taxes determined?
8. How can I save money by conserving energy?
9. How can I protect myself with Homeowners Insurance?

Those who complete the Home Ownership Workshop will receive a "Certificate" after the event. This Certificate can help you satisfy the education requirements for a variety of Affordable Housing Loans and Down Payment Assistance Programs. The Certificate is NOT an Approval for Assistance OR for a Mortgage. You must still complete an Application and meet the qualifying criteria.

If you plan to attend the Event all day, please note that lunch will be available for purchase on the premises. The cost is \$5.00 and you must have CASH only. (Please note: there is

no ATM on premises.)

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT CHILDREN WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP AND CHILDCARE IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE PREMISES.

WE KNOW YOU WILL FIND HOPE Expo 2018 TO BE VALUABLE AND INFORMATIVE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU JOINING US ON Saturday May 19, 2018.