Pre-Application Opening for the
Housing Choice Voucher Program-Section 8 Wait List
9:00 a.m., June 23rd – 6:00 p.m., June 25th 2020, Central Daylight Time (CDT)

Pre-applications will be accepted online only at:
waitlist.hacm.org

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Should I register at 9:00 a.m. on June 23rd so that I can be one of the first people in line?
This portion of the process is only a pre-application to be included in a lottery. Therefore, you have the same chance of being selected in the lottery whether you are the first person that registers on Tuesday, June 23rd or the last person on Thursday, June 25th, 2020 CDT. The registration and pre-application portal is located at waitlist.hacm.org and is a secure, user friendly, web-based tool that will protect your information.

How will I know if I have been chosen in the lottery?
If you are randomly chosen in the lottery, you will be contacted by email from cdr@yardi.com notifying you whether or not you were selected. The Housing Authority anticipates contacting you after July 31st, 2020. To check your status, visit myportal.hacm.org and click “Applicant Login”.

Can only City of Milwaukee residents register?
Anyone who is 18 years or older and who meets the income requirements (as listed at waitlist.hacm.org) can apply, regardless of where they currently live.

I currently live in public housing. Can I apply?
Yes, anyone can apply regardless of whether they are currently receiving another housing subsidy. However, if you are randomly chosen in the lottery and are offered rent assistance, you will need to choose which form of subsidy you would like to use.

Why will only 3,000 applicants be selected in the lottery to be on the wait list?
The wait list will be limited to 3,000 applicants so that they will have a reasonable expectation that they may receive a Housing Choice Voucher within a 2- to 3-year time period.

What is a “reasonable accommodation”?
A reasonable accommodation is a change, adaptation or modification to the process for registering for the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List lottery, which will allow a qualified person with a disability to participate fully in the process. If you have a disability and are not able to complete the process for registering as explained at waitlist.hacm.org, please call 414-286-5414. If you register by this method and are selected in the random lottery, you will be mailed a Pre-Application Form along with a Reasonable Accommodation Form to verify your need for the accommodation. This verification form requires completion by a doctor or medical professional, and it must be submitted to the Rent Assistance Program with the Pre-Application. Undocumented Reasonable Accommodation Pre-Applications will not be accepted for placement on the waiting list. An example of a Reasonable Accommodation would be: you have a disability and are medically confined, can’t leave your home/hospital, and there is no one else with access to a computer, smart phone, etc. that can register on your behalf. Verification will be required from a doctor or medical professional.

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