What is Section 8 Housing Assistance?

The Section 8 Housing Assistance Program provides rental assistance to lower income persons based on HUD income limits. Housing Choice Voucher holders locate suitable housing within the jurisdiction of the Jackson County Housing Authority (JCHA) and pay a portion of rent based on their monthly adjusted income.

Application Process

You must come to our office located at 300 North 7th Street, Murphysboro, to apply for Section 8 Housing Assistance. All household members over the age of 18 years must sign the application and provide a written release for a police background check. After you have applied, your application will be put on a waiting list. It is very important that you maintain updated information, including your address, income, and family composition. If correspondence is mailed to you and a timely response is not received by the JCHA, your application will be removed from the active waiting list. You would be required to reapply to the waiting list should you wish to be considered for the program in the future.

Preference Points

Our waiting list is organized by local preference points and date/time that your application is filed. When you complete your application, you will receive information on how to verify your eligibility for the preferences. Please remember to submit all of the requested documentation, as the preference points cannot be awarded without the necessary verification.

Waiting List Placement

If you wish to know the placement of your application on the waiting list, you may telephone our office on the **FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, AFTER 10:00 AM.** We do not give out placement numbers at any other time. Please remember that your placement on the waiting list may change from month to month depending on your verified preference points in relation to those of other applicants.

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Eligibility

When your application reaches the top of the waiting list, the request(s) for the police background check will be forwarded to our local law enforcement agency. The JCHA cannot issue a Housing Choice Voucher when an applicant has a history of drug-related or violent criminal activity. Furthermore, an applicant may be determined ineligible due to a history of other criminal activity that could adversely affect the welfare of other tenants. You will be notified in writing if you are determined to be ineligible under the police background check requirement.

Housing Authority Debts/Good Program Standing

If you currently owe monies to the JCHA, or to another Housing Authority, you may be ineligible to receive a Housing Choice Voucher until the debt has been repaid in full. Furthermore, if you previously participated in the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program and owe a former landlord for unpaid rent/ tenant damages, your application may also be denied.

Pre-Certification Appointment

You will be sent a notification letter when your application has reached the top of our waiting list. This correspondence will include the date/time for your Housing Choice Voucher pre-certification appointment. You will be required to submit social security cards, birth certificates, and written income verification for **ALL** household members. You may also be required to supply additional information such as marriage license, daycare and/or medical expenses. Please be advised your Housing Choice Voucher will be issued only if you submit **ALL** requested documentation to our agency on or before the date of your scheduled appointment. If you do not keep your pre-certification appointment and do not contact our office within three (3) business days of your appointment, your application will become inactive.

Contact Information

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed for lunch daily 11:30 - 12 :30 pm
The Section 8 Housing Assistance office is closed on weekends and holidays.

We are located at **300 North 7th Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966.** Please use the west entrance of the building to enter the office. Or you may contact us by telephone at **618/684-3183** or by fax at **618/684-3222**.

About JCHA

The Jackson County Housing Authority was chartered in 1946 for the County of Jackson, Illinois. It is governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Jackson County Board of elected officials; however, it is a separate entity that receives funding from and is responsible to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

As Jackson County's largest landlord, JCHA manages 756 public housing apartments, 557 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, 13 Mainstream Vouchers, 17 Emergency Housing Vouchers and 12 Rural Development apartments. Our dedicated staff consists of 32 housing professionals committed to providing the best service possible to our residents.

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