



Detailed Notice of Opening of Waiting List for 2022 Bloomington Housing Authority (BHA) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

The Section 8 housing choice voucher (HCV) program helps very low-income families and individuals, the elderly, and people with disabilities afford decent, safe housing in the private market. The voucher recipient is responsible for finding a suitable rental housing unit of their choice. This unit may include the voucher recipient's current home. Rental units must meet minimum standards of health and safety. You can learn more about this federally funded program at [HUD's website](#).

AREA SERVED: The Bloomington Housing Authority serves all of McLean County, Illinois. Applicants who receive a voucher must initially lease and reside in a unit in McLean County.

WHEN TO APPLY: The Housing Authority will accept applications for the Section 8 HCV program from 9:00 AM on November 7, 2022 through November 10, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

HOW TO APPLY: During that timeframe, **those in need of affordable rental housing are encouraged to apply using this convenient, secure website:** www.waitlistcheck.com/IL1835. Paper applications will be provided as an accommodation for people with disabilities or without access to the electronic application. Paper applications must also be submitted during the open application period. The paper application and instructions will be posted at www.bloomingtonha.com and available for pick-up at the Housing Authority office (104 E. Wood St. in Bloomington) during the open application period.

INFORMATION NEEDED: Full legal names, Social Security numbers, birthdates, and income information for every person in the household. You must enter your total household income on the application. If your household has no income from any sources, you must enter zero in the income field. The information you provide must be truthful and complete to the best of your knowledge. An email addresses or phone number will be required. If you do not have an e-mail address, the application process will allow you to create one. As you complete the application process, you will create a login and password. Please keep this information.

PREFERENCE POINTS: Applicants will select preference point categories that apply to their household:

1. Current resident of McLean County (30 points)
2. Employed OR disabled OR elderly (15 points)
3. Homeless (10 points)
4. Veteran of US Armed Forces (5 points)

The applicant will self-certify their status. However, when applicants are selected from the waiting list, they will be required to provide documentation that they met the qualifications each preference point category they selected as of the time they applied. Each of these categories are defined in detail in a separate fact sheet titled "Selection and Ranking of Applications".

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Applicants will be required to provide documentation that they met the qualifications for each preference point category at the time they are issued a voucher.

APPLICATION SELECTION: Each application will receive a preference point score between 60 points (a household meeting all four categories) and 0 points. The Housing Authority's computer system will automatically rank applicants based on preference point score. Because the waiting list will be capped at 300 applicants, the software will randomly select applicants with tied scores who are at the cutoff point for being added to the waiting list.

All applicants will be notified as to whether their application has been added to the waiting list. Those who are added to the waiting list will be able to check their status and update contact information using the application website www.waitlistcheck.com.

WAIT TIME: Once added to the waiting list, the amount of time you will wait before you are selected for a voucher will depend on your preference point score, voucher turnover, and availability of funding. You will be notified by mail when your application has been selected. Wait list applicants are required to report, in writing, changes of mailing address and family composition. Once selected, you will be required to verify preference point status and undergo other eligibility screening before being issued a voucher.

REASONABLE ACCOMODATION: It is the policy of the Housing Authority to provide reasonable accommodations to those persons with disabilities so that they can participate equally in its housing programs. If you require special assistance with the application process or you do not have internet access, you may contact our office at 309-829-3360 (TDD 1-800-546-1833 ext. 278).

MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITS PER HOUSEHOLD SIZE: If your annual gross household income is at or below these limits, you qualify for the HCV program in terms of income. (Income limits are subject to change.)

FY 2022 Income Limits for McLean County, Illinois by number of persons in household

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
\$36,500	\$41,700	\$46,900	\$52,100	\$56,300	\$60,450	\$64,650	\$68,800

This notice, the online application at www.waitlistcheck.com/IL1835, and the paper application have been designed to provide applicants with all the information they will need. **Please read these documents carefully before contacting the Housing Authority.** However, if you have questions or need special accommodations, the preferred method to contact the housing authority is by emailing HCVinfo@bloomingtonha.com or dialing 309-829-3360 between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.