



Selection and Ranking of Applications

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

The Housing Authority will accept applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program from 9:00 AM on November 7, 2022 through 4:00 PM on November 10, 2022. During that timeframe, households who will qualify for assistance are encouraged to apply for the HCV program using a convenient, secure website at <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/IL1835>. You will need an email address to apply. (Paper applications will be available as an accommodation for people with disabilities without means of electronic applications.)

Applications will be ranked using the following preference point categories:

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)

Applicants will select all preference point categories that apply to their household. 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 below.

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 of the waiting list will be capped at 300 applicants, the software will use a randomized lottery to 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.

Definitions of preference point categories and verification standards

1. Current resident of McLean County (30 points)

The household can document that it is living at an address in McLean County, Illinois as of the date of its application using a current driver's license or state ID card, utility bill, lease, pay stub, other official government document, or official record of a local social service agency.

2. Employed OR disabled OR elderly (15 points)

Employment: The household can document that one or more member is employed using a paystub or other official document issued by the employer.

Disabled: The household can document that one or more member has a disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. 423 or a developmental disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. 6001. Also includes a person who is determined, under HUD regulations, to have a physical or mental impairment that is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration, substantially impedes the ability to live independently, and is of such a nature that the ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions. Definition does not exclude persons who have AIDS or conditions arising from AIDS, but does not include a person whose disability is based solely on drug or alcohol dependence.

Elderly: One or more member is aged 62 or older (as verified by birth certificate) at the time of application.

3. Homeless (10 points)

The household can document that it meets the following definition of “homeless”: lacking a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence, AND having a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised public or private shelter providing temporary accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing), or an institution providing temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. This does not include any individual imprisoned or detained pursuant to state law or an act of Congress.

Applicants who believe they meet this category are encouraged to have a homeless service agency assist with documenting this status.

4. Veteran of US Armed Forces (5 points)

The household has one or more member who can document service in the United States Armed Forces using official government documentation.

This document, the detailed Notice of Opening of Waiting List, the online application at <https://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.