



Detailed Notice of the 2023 Opening of the Waiting List for 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 October 16, 2023 through October 19, 2023 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. All sources and amounts of household income must be entered on the application. Households with no income must enter zero in the income field. The information provided must be truthful and complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge. An email address and 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, you will create a login and password for WaitListCheck.com. You must keep this information.

PREFERENCE POINTS: Applicants will select preference categories that apply to the head of their household:

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

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The applicant will self-certify their preference categories. However, **applicants will be required to provide documentation for each preference point category they select.** The applicant will be required to submit this documentation before they are actually placed on the waiting list. Each of preference point categories is defined in detail as follows:

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 applicant can document that the head of household is employed using a paystub or other official document issued by the employer.

Disabled: The household can document that the head of household has a disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. 423 or a developmental disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. 6001. The definition 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: The head of household is aged 62 or older (as verified by birth certificate) at the time of application.

3. Veteran of US Armed Forces (5 points)

The head of household can document service in the United States Armed Forces using official government documentation.

The applicant must be prepared to submit documentation that the applicant met the preference point category as of the date they applied.

APPLICATION SELECTION: Each application will receive a preference point score between 50 points (a household meeting all three 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 600 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 selected for the waiting list. Applicants will be able to check their status 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 to the Section 8 office. Once selected, applicants will be subject to further eligibility screening before being issued a voucher.

REASONABLE ACCOMODATION: It is the policy of the Housing Authority to provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities so that they can participate fully 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 2023 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
\$38,650	\$44,150	\$49,650	\$55,150	\$59,600	\$64,000	\$68,400	\$72,800

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.