



C/O Alfred Housing Committee, Inc.
Gardner Heights
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APPLICATION ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION STATEMENT

APPLYING FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY Gardner Heights

If you are disabled, or have difficulty completing this application, please advise us of your needs when you receive this application, or call us to schedule assistance.

If you have a hearing impairment, the TDD relay service number is # 711 during the same hours.

Appropriate assistance will be provided in a confidential manner and setting.

Answering questions on your application:

Please answer all questions truthfully. We will verify your answers. Any misrepresentation of information related to eligibility, preference for admission, allowances, rent, family composition or prior resident history *is grounds for rejection*. Additionally, you should be aware that Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code makes it a criminal offense to make willful, false statements or misrepresentations of any material fact involving the use of or obtaining federal funds.

Answering questions relating to a disability:

Answers to questions on your application concerning disability status are *optional*, but please note that families with disabled members may be entitled to (1) certain deductions from income that affect rent or (2) units designed to be accessible for individuals with disabilities. So, without this information we may not be able to calculate your rent correctly or verify your eligibility to live in an accessible unit.

If you answer the questions relating to disability, we will need to verify that you or a household member is disabled. We do not need to know the nature, extent, or current condition of the disability, but we will need to know that you meet the federal definitions that apply to these terms and that you can abide by the terms of our lease.

Information you provide on a disability status will be treated as confidential by management. In accordance with program regulations, information may be released to appropriate federal, state or local agencies.

Housing Requirements Questionnaire:

Please complete the Housing Requirements Questionnaire that accompanies your application. This information is needed so that we may assign you a unit appropriate to any needs that exist for your household. Your answers will be verified. If, however, there are no household members with a disability, or if you do not wish to complete the document for any reason, simply indicate that choice in the space provided at the top of the document. The choice not to complete this document will not in any way affect the processing of your application for an apartment.

Notice to All Applicants: Options for Applicants with Disabilities

This property is managed by Two Plus Four Management Company, Inc., 6737 Myers Road, East Syracuse, New York 13057. We provide assisted housing to the general public under New York State. We are not permitted to discriminate against applicants on the basis of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability. In addition, we have an obligation to provide "reasonable accommodations" to applicants if they or any household members have a disability. Compliance actions may include reasonable accommodations as well as structural modifications to the unit or premises.

A reasonable accommodation is some modification or change that we can make to the policies or procedures that will assist an otherwise eligible applicant with a disability to take advantage of the programs under which we operate. Examples of reasonable accommodations and structural modifications include, but are not limited to:

- Making reasonable alterations to a unit so it could be used by a household member with a wheelchair;
- Installing strobe type flashing-light smoke detectors in an apartment for a household with a hearing-impaired member;
- Permitting a household to have a seeing-eye dog to assist a vision-impaired household member where existing pet rules would not allow the dog;
- Making large type documents or a reader available to a vision-impaired applicant during the application process;

- Making a sign language interpreter available to a hearing-impaired applicant during the application process;
- Permitting an outside agency to assist an applicant with a disability to meet the property's applicant screening criteria.

An applicant household that has a member with a disability must still be able to meet essential obligations of tenancy—they must be able to pay rent, to maintain their apartment in a safe and sanitary condition, to report required information to the building manager, to avoid disturbing their neighbors, etc., but there is no requirement that they be able to do these things without assistance.

If you or a member of your household have a disability and think you might need or want a reasonable accommodation, you may request it at any time in the application process or after admission. This is up to you. If you would prefer not to discuss your situation with management, that is your right.

The next page of this application is a *Housing Requirements Questionnaire*. If you wish to complete the document and provide management with information regarding any household member with a disability, please do so. If no household member has a disability, or if you do not wish to complete the questionnaire for any reason, please indicate so, sign the form, and return to the manager.

Housing Requirements Questionnaire

Please read the following regarding this questionnaire:

This questionnaire is administered to every applicant at Gardner Heights. It is used to determine whether your household needs special features in their housing unit. The need for special adaptations must be verified in order to assure that the limited number of units with special features go to families that actually need the features.

Completing this questionnaire is optional on your part. If you choose not to complete

this form, please check the box that indicates that choice, sign and date the form, and return it to the manager. The choice not to complete this questionnaire will not in any way affect the processing of your application for an apartment.

If you choose to complete this form, please check the box that indicates your choice to furnish this information, complete the information requested, sign and date the form and return it to the manager.

Applicant election to provide special needs information:

Name of Head of Household _____ SS#: _____
☐ I choose to complete this form. ☐ I choose NOT to complete this form.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____
Manager's signature _____ Date _____

Information relative to the housing requirements of applicant's household:

1. Do you, or does any member of you household, have a condition that requires:

☐ A separate bedroom ☐ One-level apartment ☐ Unit for hearing-impaired ☐ A barrier-free apartment ☐ Other	☐ Unit for vision-impaired ☐ Physical modifications to a typical apt. ☐ Special parking space ☐ Bedroom/Bath on first floor
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2. If you checked any of the above-listed categories of units, please explain exactly what you need to accommodate your situation: _____

3. What is the name of the household member who needs the features identified above? _____

4. Do you or any of your household members need special features to go up and down stairs other than traditional railings? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes", please indicate how we may accommodate your household. _____

5. Will you or any of your household members require a live-in aide to assist you? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Who should be contacted to verify your need for the features you have identified above (e.g. a doctor or social service agency)?
Name _____ Tel #: _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____



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APPLICATION

PROJECT NAME: Gardner Heights
ADDRESS: 152 Pine St.
Wellsville, NY 14895

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____
Time Received: _____
Estimated Income: _____
Income Category: _____
Application #: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING. YOU MUST USE THE CORRECT LEGAL NAME FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD AS IT APPEARS ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY CARD. LIST TENANT FIRST, CO-TENANT SECOND, OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD THIRD ETC. ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

(If you are unable to fill out this application someone will fill it out for you or you may choose someone to fill it out. That person must sign the last page as the person whose handwriting appears on the form.)

Applications are placed in order of date and time received. An applicant may be interviewed only after the receipt of this tenant application. **Every question must be answered. Do NOT leave blanks. Use N/A when not applicable.**

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Apt.# City State ZIP

Email address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

No. of BR's in current Unit: _____ Do you RENT or OWN (circle one)

Amount of current monthly rental or mortgage payment: \$ _____

If owned, do you receive monthly rental income from property: ☐ Yes ☐ No (check one)

How did you hear about the apartment complex? _____

Bedroom size requested: ☐ One BR ☐ Two BR ☐ Three BR ☒ Handicap BR

B. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

	Name	Relationship to head	Birth Date	Age (optional)	SS# (last 4 digits)	Student Y/N
Head		Self				
Co-H						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						



Will all listed minors be living in the unit at least 50% of the time? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, explain custody agreement (proof of custody may be required): _____

1. Have there been any changes in household composition in the last twelve months?	☐ Yes	☐ No
<i>If yes, explain:</i>		
2. Do you anticipate any changes in household composition in the next twelve months?	☐ Yes	☐ No
<i>If yes, explain:</i>		
3. Is there someone not listed above who would normally be living with the household?	☐ Yes	☐ No
<i>If yes, explain:</i>		
4. Are you living with anyone now who will not be moving into this unit with you?	☐ Yes	☐ No
<i>If yes, explain:</i>		

5. Will all of the persons in the household be or have been full-time students during five calendar months of this year or plan to be in the next calendar year at an educational institution (other than a correspondence school) with regular faculty and students?	☐ Yes	☐ No
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IF YES, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (6-10):

6. Are any full-time student(s) married and filing a joint tax return?	☐ Yes	☐ No
7. Are any student(s) enrolled in a job-training program receiving assistance under the Job Training Partnership Act?	☐ Yes	☐ No
8. Are any full-time student(s) a TANF or a title IV recipient?	☐ Yes	☐ No
9. Are any full-time student(s) a single parent living with his/her child(ren) who is not a dependent on another's tax return and whose children are not dependents of anyone other than a parent?	☐ Yes	☐ No
10. Is any student a person who was previously under the care and placement of a foster care program (under Part B or E of Title IV of the Social Security Act)?	☐ Yes	☐ No

C. INCOME

List ALL sources of income as requested below. If a section doesn't apply, cross out or write NA.

Household Member Name	Source of Income	Gross Monthly Amount
11.	Social Security	\$
12.	Social Security	\$
13.	SSI Benefits	\$
14.	SSI Benefits	\$
15.	Pension (list source)	\$
16.	Pension (list source)	\$
17.	Veteran's Benefits (list claim #)	\$
18.	Veteran's Benefits (list claim #)	\$
19.	Unemployment Compensation	\$
20.	Unemployment Compensation	\$
21.	Public Assistance (Title IV/TANF etc.)	\$
22.	Contributions to the Household (monetary or not)	\$
23.	Full-Time Student Income (18 & Over Only)	\$
24.	Financial Aid (excluding loans)	\$
25.	Annuities (list sources)	\$
26.	Long Term Medical Care Insurance Payments in excess of \$180/day	\$
27.	Scheduled Payments from Investments	\$
28.	Retirement Account Payments (including RMDs)	\$
29.	Income From Rental Property	\$

Household Member Name	Source of Income	Monthly Amount
30.	Employment amount	\$
	Employer:	
	Position Held	
	How long employed:	
31.	Employment amount	\$
	Employer:	
	Position Held	
	How long employed:	
32.	Employment amount	\$
	Employer:	
	Position Held	
	How long employed:	

33.	Previous Employment amount (last 60 days)		\$
	Employer:		
	Position Held		
	How long employed:		
34.	Alimony		
	Do you receive alimony?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	If yes list amount you receive.	\$	
35.	Child Support		
	Do you receive formal/informal (money, items, etc.) child support?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	If yes, list the amount you receive.	\$	
36.	Gig Income ex: Uber, Door Dash etc.	\$	
37.	Self Employment, Day laborer, Independent contractor, Seasonal worker	\$	
38.	Other Income	\$	
39. TOTAL GROSS ANNUAL INCOME (Based on the monthly amounts listed above x 12)			
			\$
40. TOTAL GROSS ANNUAL INCOME FROM PREVIOUS YEAR (Do NOT leave this blank)			
			\$
41. Do you anticipate any changes in this income in the next 12 months?			☐ Yes ☐ No
42. Is any member of the household legally entitled to receive income assistance?			☐ Yes ☐ No
43. Is any member of the household likely to receive income or assistance (<i>monetary or not</i>) from someone who is not a member of the household as listed on Page 2 etc.)?			☐ Yes ☐ No
44. <i>If yes to any of the above, explain:</i>			
45. Is the income received?			☐ Yes ☐ No

D. ASSETS (even if jointly held)

If your assets are too numerous to list here, please request an additional form.
If a section doesn't apply, cross out or write NA.

46. Checking Accounts	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
47. Savings Accounts	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
48. Trust Account (revocable or irrevocable)	#	Bank	Balance \$

49. Debit cards not associated with a checking account ex: Direct Express	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
50. Certificates of Deposit	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
51. Money Market Accounts	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
	#	Bank	Balance \$
52. Savings Bonds	#	Maturity Date	Value \$
	#	Maturity Date	Value \$
	#	Maturity Date	Value \$
	#	Maturity Date	Value \$
53. Peer-to-peer ex: Venmo, PayPal, Apple Pay	Name:	Balance:\$	
	Name:	Balance:\$	
54. Sport vehicle or other Non-necessary Personal Property	Type:	Value:\$	
	Type:	Value:\$	
55. Collection or other Non-necessary Personal Property ex: coin collection	Type:	Value:\$	
	Type:	Value:\$	
56. Deed of Trust/Loan <i>(you loaned someone money and they are paying you back with or without interest)</i>	Type:	Balance:\$	
	Type:	Balance:\$	
57. Life Insurance Policy	#	Cash Value \$	
58. Life Insurance Policy	#	Cash Value \$	
59. Cash on Hand		Amount:\$	
60. Digital Banking Ex: Cash App	Name:	Balance:\$	
	Name:	Balance:\$	
	Name:	Balance:\$	
61. Mutual Funds	Name:	#Shares:	Interest or Dividend \$ Value \$
	Name:	#Shares:	Interest or Dividend \$ Value \$
	Name:	#Shares:	Interest or Dividend \$ Value \$

62. Stocks	Name:	#Shares:	Dividend Paid \$	Value \$
	Name:	#Shares:	Dividend Paid \$	Value \$
	Name:	#Shares:	Dividend Paid \$	Value \$
63. Bonds	Name:	#Shares:	Interest or Dividend \$	Value \$
	Name:	#Shares:	Interest or Dividend \$	Value \$
64. Crowd Funding Account ex: GoFundMe, Kickstarter	Type:			Balance:\$
	Type:			Balance:\$
65. Investment Accounts (<i>accounts that include stocks, bonds, and other like investments</i>)	#			Value:\$
	#			Value:\$
66. Investments in Precious metals including gold, silver, copper, etc.	Type:			Value:\$
	Type:			Value:\$
67. Crypto-Currency (<i>Bitcoin, Altcoins, Crypto coins, etc.</i>)	Type:			Value:\$
	Type:			Value:\$
68. Special Needs Trust	Name:			Balance:\$

Real Property

69. Does any family member own. . .				
A home or dwelling where a member has present ownership interest in and the effective legal authority to sell and the property is suitable for occupancy by the family as a residence				☐ Yes ☐ No
For Sale?: ☐ NO ☐ YES ☐ N/A	Market Value:\$	Cost to Sell:\$	Cash Value:\$	
Rental Property-home or dwelling where a member has present ownership interest in and the effective legal authority to sell and the property is suitable for occupancy by the family as a residence but where there is a lease and the resident does not have a legal right to reside in				☐ Yes ☐ No
For Sale?: ☐ NO ☐ YES ☐ N/A	Market Value:\$	Cost to Sell:\$	Cash Value:\$	
RENTAL INCOME	\$	Weekly Monthly N/A	Annual Expenses:\$	

Real Property not used for a business a member has legal authority to sell such property			Yes	No
For Sale?: ☐ NO ☐ YES ☐ N/A	Market Value:\$	Cost to Sell:\$	Cash Value:\$	
Real Property used for a business when a member has legal authority to sell such property			Yes	No
For Sale?: ☐ NO ☐ YES ☐ N/A	Market Value:\$	Cost to Sell:\$	Cash Value:\$	
<i>*Cash value is defined as market value minus the cost of converting the asset to cash, such as broker's fees, settlement costs, outstanding loans, early withdrawal penalties, etc. Basically, how much money would you receive if you converted the asset to cash. If you do not know, please leave this field blank and we will assist you in deriving the cash value of your assets.</i>				

Assets Disposed of For Less Than Fair Market Value (choose one)			
70. I have NOT disposed of any assets for less than fair market value			☐ Yes ☐ No
71. During the previous two-year (24-month) period I have disposed of assets for less than fair market value as indicated below:			
Cash Contributions or Gifts (to Churhes, Charities, Individuals, etc.)	None	Date Disposed:	Amount: \$
Property sold for less than fair market value (this identifies property that was given away or sold for substantially less than current real estate market would bear such a Quit Claim)			
Trust/Savings/Investment Accounts opened for another person			
Transfer of Assets for Free or For Less than Market Value (for ex: giving a child stock or mutual funds or setting up a trust for someone who does not live in the unit)			
Other:			

E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
73. Are you or any member of your family currently using an illegal substance?	☐ Yes	☐ No
74. Have you or any member of your family ever been convicted of a felony?	☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, describe:		
75. Will you take an apartment when one is available?	☐ Yes	☐ No

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONT'D

Are you or any member of this household subject to lifetime state sex offender registration in any state

☐ Yes ☐ No

Which State or States have you lived in (list all below)

_____ Apartments will be verifying this information using the website

“The Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Database” and or other sources.

Do you understand? ☐ Yes ☐ No

F. REFERENCE INFORMATION

76. Current Landlord	Name:	
	Address:	
	Cell Phone:	
	Email:	
	How Long?	
77. Prior Landlord	Name:	
	Address:	
	Cell Phone:	
	Email:	
	How Long?	
78. Credit Reference #1:		
Address:		
Account #:		Phone #:
79. Credit Reference #2:		
Address:		
Account #:		Phone #:

80. Personal Reference #1:	
Address:	
Relationship:	Phone #:
81. Personal Reference #2:	
Address:	
Relationship:	Phone #:
82. Personal Reference #3:	
Address:	
Relationship:	Phone #:

83. In case of emergency notify:	
Address:	
Relationship:	Phone #:

G. VEHICLE AND PET INFORMATION (if applicable)			
List any cars, trucks, or other vehicles owned. Parking will be provided for one vehicle. Arrangements with Management will be necessary for more than one vehicle.			
84. Type of Vehicle:		License Plate #:	
Year/Make:		Color:	
85. Type of Vehicle:		License Plate #:	
Year/Make:		Color:	
86. Do you own any pets?		☐ Yes	☐ No
<i>If yes, describe:</i>			
<i>*Please note the property may only allow service/support animals</i>			

H. APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

87. Did anyone help/assist you in filling out this application?	☐ Yes	☐ No
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CERTIFICATION

I/We hereby certify that I/We Do/Will Not maintain a separate subsidized rental unit in another location. I/We further certify that this will be my/our permanent residence. I/We understand I/We must pay a security deposit for this apartment prior to occupancy. I/We understand that my eligibility for housing will be based on applicable income limits and by management's selection criteria. I/We certify that all information in this application is true to the best of my/our knowledge, and I/We understand that false statements or information are punishable by law and will lead to cancellation of this application or termination of tenancy after occupancy. All adult applicants, 18 or older, must sign and date the application.

SIGNATURE(S) (***Must be dated***):

_____ (Signature of Tenant)	_____ Date
_____ (Signature of Co-Tenant)	_____ Date
_____ (Signature of Co-Tenant)	_____ Date
_____ (Signature of Co-Tenant)	_____ Date

AUTHORIZATION

I/WE DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE TWO PLUS FOUR MANAGEMENT COMPANY AND ITS STAFF OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTACT ANY AGENCIES, OFFICES, GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS TO OBTAIN AND VERIFY ANY INFORMATION OR MATERIALS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY TO COMPLETE MY/OUR APPLICATION FOR HOUSING IN THIS PROPERTY MANAGED BY TWO PLUS FOUR MANAGEMENT COMPANY.

SIGNATURES:

_____ Applicant	_____ Co-Applicant
_____ Date Signed	_____ Date Signed

Signature of Person Filling Out Form for Tenant

The information regarding race, ethnicity, and sex designation solicited on this application is requested in order to assure the Federal Government that the Federal laws prohibiting discrimination against tenant applications on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, age, and disability are complied with. You are not required to furnish this information but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your application or to discriminate against you in any way. However, if you choose not to furnish it, we are required to note the race, ethnicity, and sex of individual applicants on the basis of visual observation or surname.

Ethnicity:

Hispanic or Latinx _____

Not Hispanic or Latinx _____

Decline to report _____

Race: (mark all that apply)

1 American Indian/Alaska Native _____

2 Asian _____

3 Black or African American _____

4 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander _____

5 White _____

Decline to report _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____ Decline to report _____

Supplemental and Optional Contact Information for HUD-Assisted Housing Applicants

SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING

This form is to be provided to each applicant for federally assisted housing

Instructions: Optional Contact Person or Organization: You have the right by law to include as part of your application for housing, the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or social, health, advocacy, or other organization. This contact information is for the purpose of identifying a person or organization that may be able to help in resolving any issues that may arise during your tenancy or to assist in providing any special care or services you may require. **You may update, remove, or change the information you provide on this form at any time.** You are not required to provide this contact information, but if you choose to do so, please include the relevant information on this form.

Applicant Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:		
Name of Additional Contact Person or Organization:			
Address:			
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:		
E-Mail Address (if applicable):			
Relationship to Applicant:			
Reason for Contact: (Check all that apply) <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ☐ Emergency ☐ Unable to contact you ☐ Termination of rental assistance ☐ Eviction from unit ☐ Late payment of rent </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ☐ Assist with Recertification Process ☐ Change in lease terms ☐ Change in house rules ☐ Other: _____ </td> </tr> </table>		☐ Emergency ☐ Unable to contact you ☐ Termination of rental assistance ☐ Eviction from unit ☐ Late payment of rent	☐ Assist with Recertification Process ☐ Change in lease terms ☐ Change in house rules ☐ Other: _____
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Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner: If you are approved for housing, this information will be kept as part of your tenant file. If issues arise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special care, we may contact the person or organization you listed to assist in resolving the issues or in providing any services or special care to you.			
Confidentiality Statement: The information provided on this form is confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted by the applicant or applicable law.			
Legal Notification: Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offered the option of providing information regarding an additional contact person or organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing provider agrees to comply with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibitions on discrimination in admission to or participation in federally assisted housing programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status under the Fair Housing Act, and the prohibition on age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.			

☐ Check this box if you choose not to provide the contact information.

Signature of Applicant	Date

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) imposed on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization. The objective of providing such information is to facilitate contact by the housing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing any delivery of services or special care to the tenant and assist with resolving any tenancy issues arising during the tenancy of such tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information is basic to the operations of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Privacy Statement: Public Law 102-550, authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to collect all the information (except the Social Security Number (SSN)) which will be used by HUD to protect disbursement data from fraudulent actions.

Form HUD- 92006 (05/09)





ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

Homes and Community Renewal

RUTHANNE VISNAUSKAS
Commissioner/CEO

Know Your Rights: New York State's Credit & Housing Court Policy for Applicants to State-Funded Housing

Under new policy, a housing provider/landlord cannot automatically deny your application to state-funded rental housing based solely on your credit score or housing court history. **If you have poor credit or negative housing court history, you must be provided with the opportunity to present additional information to explain or refute the findings.**

What is the policy?

- You **CANNOT** be rejected because of your credit score or housing court history if:
 - Your FICO credit score is 580 or above (or 500 if you are homeless),
 - You have limited or nonexistent credit history,
 - Rent subsidies pay your entire rent,
 - Your credit or housing court history is a direct result of a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)-covered crime (like domestic violence, stalking or harassment), or
 - You have a history of bankruptcy, eviction due to non-payment of rent, or outstanding debt but present evidence of on-time rental payments over the past 12 months.
- You **CANNOT** be rejected based on:
 - Medical debt or student loan debt.
 - Bankruptcies that occurred over 1 year ago.
 - Unpaid debt that is less than \$5,000.
 - Evictions that occurred over 2 years ago
 - Evictions that were not for-cause (like non-payment of rent).
 - Evictions where you were restored to the premises by the court.

What are my rights?

- *Before* rejecting your application, you must be given 14 days to present evidence of circumstances that explain negative credit and housing court findings.
- The housing provider/landlord must conduct an individual evaluation that takes mitigating information, such as errors in the credit report and short-term periods of unemployment/illness, into account.
- If you are denied, you must be told why and you must be provided with a copy of your credit report.

Find more information here: <https://hcr.ny.gov/FEHO-Credit-Policy-Guide> Fair and Equitable Housing Office:

feho@nyshcr.org.





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Commissioner/CEO

Know Your Rights: New York State's Anti-Discrimination Policy When Assessing Justice-Involved Applicants for State-Funded Housing

If you are applying for state-funded housing and have a history of involvement with the criminal justice system, you have rights and protections.

There Are Only Two Mandatory Reasons That You Can Automatically Be Rejected:

1. Conviction for methamphetamine production in the home; and
2. Being a lifetime registrant on a state or federal Sex Offender database.

You Cannot Be Rejected Based On:

1. All pending arrests (including those with adjournments in contemplation of dismissal (ACOD));
2. Arrest records that were resolved in your favor;
3. Convictions for offenses committed before you turned 18 years old;
4. Misdemeanor convictions that occurred more than 1 year ago;
5. Felony convictions that occurred more than 5 years ago;
6. Convictions resulting in incarceration/parole supervision, from which you were released more than 1 year ago;
7. Convictions that did not involve physical violence or danger to persons or property, or did not affect the health, safety and welfare of others;
8. Convictions for which you have received a Certificate of Good Conduct or Certificate of Relief from Disabilities that is permanent and covers housing.
9. Youthful offender adjudications;
10. Convictions for violations sealed pursuant to Section 160.55 of New York State Criminal Procedure Law;
11. Convictions sealed pursuant to Section 160.58 or 160.59 of New York State Criminal Procedure Law;
12. Convictions that were excused by pardon, overturned on appeal or vacated;

You Cannot Be Asked About 9-12 Above

If a housing provider asks you about them or any pending arrest with an ACOD, you may answer as if the protected arrest, conviction or adjudication never occurred. If you believe you have been discriminated against based on these protections, file a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights: <https://dhr.ny.gov/complaint>

You Must be Given 14 Days to Provide Additional Information Before Any Rejection

You must be contacted and provided 14 business days to provide additional relevant information including:

1. How much time has passed since the conviction(s)?
2. How old were you at the time of the conviction(s)?
3. How serious was the conviction(s)?
4. Evidence about your rehabilitation, including treatment programs, volunteer work, paid employment, etc. since your conviction(s)
5. Were there mitigating circumstances surrounding the offense that reduce the severity of the offense?

If you were not given an opportunity to answer these questions, or if you feel the housing provider did not properly evaluate your application and wrongfully denied you housing, contact New York State Homes and Community Renewal's Fair and Equitable Housing Office at feho@hcr.ny.gov for assistance. More information is available here: <https://hcr.ny.gov/marketing-plans-policies#credit-and-justice-involvement-assessment-policies>



Homes and Community Renewal

Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act¹

To all Tenants and Applicants

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. VAWA protections are not only available to women, but are available equally to all individuals regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.² This notice explains your rights under VAWA. A HUD-approved certification form is attached to this notice. You can fill out this form to show that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that you wish to use your rights under VAWA.

Protections for Applicants

If you otherwise qualify for the rental housing or program, you cannot be denied admission or denied assistance because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Protections for Tenants

You may not be denied assistance, terminated from participation, or be evicted from your rental housing because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

¹ Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

² Housing providers cannot discriminate on the basis of any protected characteristic, including race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. HUD-assisted and HUD-insured housing must be made available to all otherwise eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

Also, if you or an affiliated individual of yours is or has been the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking by a member of your household or any guest, you may not be denied rental assistance or occupancy rights solely on the basis of criminal activity directly relating to that domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Affiliated individual means your spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child, or a person to whom you stand in the place of a parent or guardian (for example, the affiliated individual is in your care, custody, or control); or any individual, tenant, or lawful occupant living in your household.

Removing the Abuser or Perpetrator from the Household

_____ [Insert the project name, owner, or covered housing provider (acronym HP for purposes of this document)] may divide (bifurcate) your lease in order to evict the individual or terminate the assistance of the individual who has engaged in criminal activity (the abuser or perpetrator) directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

If HP chooses to remove the abuser or perpetrator, HP may not take away the rights of eligible tenants to the unit or otherwise punish the remaining tenants. If the evicted abuser or perpetrator was the sole tenant to have established eligibility for assistance under the program, HP must allow the tenant who is or has been a victim and other household members to remain in the unit for a period of time, in order to establish eligibility under the program or under another HUD housing program covered by VAWA, or, find alternative housing.

In removing the abuser or perpetrator from the household, HP must follow Federal, State, and local eviction procedures. In order to divide a lease, HP may, but is not required to, ask you for documentation or certification of the incidences of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Moving to Another Unit

Upon your request, HP may permit you to move to another unit, subject to the availability of other units, and still keep your assistance. In order to approve a request, HP may ask you to provide documentation that you are requesting to move because of an incidence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. If the request is a request for emergency transfer, the housing provider may ask you to submit a written request or fill out a form where you certify that you meet the criteria for an emergency transfer under VAWA. The criteria are:

- (1) You are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.** If your housing provider does not already have documentation that you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, your housing provider may ask you for such documentation, as described in the documentation section below.
- (2) You expressly request the emergency transfer.** Your housing provider may choose to require that you submit a form or may accept another written or oral request.
- (3) You reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if you remain in your current unit.** This means you have a reason to fear that if you do not receive a transfer you would suffer violence in the very near future.

OR

You are a victim of sexual assault and the assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period before you request a transfer. If you are a victim of sexual assault, then in addition to qualifying for an emergency transfer because you reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from

further violence if you remain in your unit, you may qualify for an emergency transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises of the property from which you are seeking your transfer, and that assault happened within the 90-calendar-day period before you expressly request the transfer.

HP will keep confidential requests for emergency transfers by victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and the location of any move by such victims and their families.

HP's emergency transfer plan provides further information on emergency transfers, and HP must make a copy of its emergency transfer plan available to you if you ask to see it.

Documenting You Are or Have Been a Victim of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking

HP can, but is not required to, ask you to provide documentation to “certify” that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Such request from HP must be in writing, and HP must give you at least 14 business days (Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays do not count) from the day you receive the request to provide the documentation. HP may, but does not have to, extend the deadline for the submission of documentation upon your request.

You can provide one of the following to HP as documentation. It is your choice which of the following to submit if HP asks you to provide documentation that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

- A complete HUD-approved certification form given to you by HP with this notice, that
- documents an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- The form will ask for your name, the date, time, and location of the incident of domestic

violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and a description of the incident. The certification form provides for including the name of the abuser or perpetrator if the name of the abuser or perpetrator is known and is safe to provide.

- A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency that documents the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Examples of such records include police reports, protective orders, and restraining orders, among others.
- A statement, which you must sign, along with the signature of an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, a medical professional or a mental health professional (collectively, “professional”) from whom you sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse, and with the professional selected by you attesting under penalty of perjury that he or she believes that the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking are grounds for protection.
- Any other statement or evidence that HP has agreed to accept.

If you fail or refuse to provide one of these documents within the 14 business days, HP does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

If HP receives conflicting evidence that an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking has been committed (such as certification forms from two or more members of a household each claiming to be a victim and naming one or more of the other petitioning household members as the abuser or perpetrator), HP has the right to request that you provide third-party documentation within thirty 30 calendar days in order to resolve the conflict. If you

fail or refuse to provide third-party documentation where there is conflicting evidence, HP does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

Confidentiality

HP must keep confidential any information you provide related to the exercise of your rights

under VAWA, including the fact that you are exercising your rights under VAWA.

HP must not allow any individual administering assistance or other services on behalf of HP (for

example, employees and contractors) to have access to confidential information unless for

reasons that specifically call for these individuals to have access to this information under

applicable Federal, State, or local law.

HP must not enter your information into any shared database or disclose your information to any

other entity or individual. HP, however, may disclose the information provided if:

- You give written permission to HP to release the information on a time limited basis.
- HP needs to use the information in an eviction or termination proceeding, such as to evict your abuser or perpetrator or terminate your abuser or perpetrator from assistance under this program.
- A law requires HP or your landlord to release the information.

VAWA does not limit HP's duty to honor court orders about access to or control of the property.

This includes orders issued to protect a victim and orders dividing property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.

Reasons a Tenant Eligible for Occupancy Rights under VAWA May Be Evicted or Assistance May Be Terminated

You can be evicted and your assistance can be terminated for serious or repeated lease violations that are not related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed against you. However, HP cannot hold tenants who have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to a more demanding set of rules than it applies to tenants who have not been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

The protections described in this notice might not apply, and you could be evicted and your assistance terminated, if HP can demonstrate that not evicting you or terminating your assistance would present a real physical danger that:

- 1) Would occur within an immediate time frame, and
- 2) Could result in death or serious bodily harm to other tenants or those who work on the property.

If HP can demonstrate the above, HP should only terminate your assistance or evict you if there are no other actions that could be taken to reduce or eliminate the threat.

Other Laws

VAWA does not replace any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. You may be entitled to additional housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking under other Federal laws, as well as under State and local laws.

For Additional Information

If you feel that they have been incorrectly denied your rights under VAWA, you should contact NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) at FEHO@hcr.ny.gov.

For help regarding an abusive relationship, you may call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or, for persons with hearing impairments, 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

For tenants who are or have been victims of stalking seeking help may visit the National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center at <https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center>.

HCR has also created the HCR VAWA Local Services Provider List of local organizations, including housing and legal service providers, that support individuals who are or have been victims of domestic violence, available at

<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2018/11/hcrvawaresourceelist.pdf>

You may view a copy of HUD's final VAWA rule at

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/06/2016-29213/violence-against-women-reauthorization-act-of-2013-implementation-in-hud-housing-programs-correction>.

Additionally, HP must make a copy of HUD's VAWA regulations available to you if you ask to see them.

Attachment: Certification form HUD-5382