

SECTION 8 RENT SUBSIDY HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

WHAT IT IS AND HOW IT WORKS:

The Housing Assistance Payments Program was authorized by Congress under Section 8 of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974. Tioga Opportunities, Inc. currently administers the program for the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

In order to qualify, the family income must fall within the range shown on the following table. Income means the total income from all sources of all adult family members, including income from assets.

FAMILY INCOME LIMITS

# in household	Income Limit
1	24,700
2	28,200
3	31,750
4	35,250
5	38,100
6	40,900
7	43,750
8	46,550

The purpose of the program is to assist the elderly, handicapped, disabled and very low-income families in meeting the cost of rental housing utilities. This is done by making a monthly rental payment to the landlord on behalf of a participating family. The amount paid toward the rent is determined by family income, medical expenses, child care and utilities paid by the family.

Under the Voucher Program, a family may pay more (or less) than 30% of their adjusted income depending on the cost of the unit they choose. If the unit costs (including utilities) are more than the Payment Standard, the family will pay more than 30% of adjusted monthly income towards rent and/or utilities.

Pre-application and initial interviews are given over the phone or in person by a staff person of Tioga Opportunities, Inc. Housing Services. An assessment of the applicant's potential eligibility and a brief description of the program is given. The family is placed on a waiting list per HUD's January 1, 2004 ruling stating that all applications are to be filed per applicant date and time of application.

After the application has been reviewed, a letter will be sent out stating it has been received and placed on the waiting list. Applicants must phone in with any updates or change in address.

HUD Occupancy Standards are based on no more than 2 persons per bedroom. These principles result in the following standards:

Unit Size	Minimum # In Household	Maximum # In Household
1 Bedroom	1	2
2 Bedroom	2	4
3 Bedroom	3	6
4 Bedroom	4	8

Selection of applicants from the waiting list must be based on the date and time of application. Verification of income, assets, medical expenses, and any other necessary data is required. The family has 60 days from the date the Voucher is issued to locate an acceptable rental unit, with up to two additional 30-day extensions granted, if needed.

HUD determines a Payment Standard for the area based on rental surveys. The current Payment Standards are:

0 Bedroom - \$579
1 Bedroom - \$608
2 Bedroom - \$788
3 Bedroom - \$1032
4 Bedroom - \$1174

These rents are subject to change annually per economic conditions. A Utility Schedule approved by HUD determines an allowance given the tenant if they supply their own utilities.

A unit inspection is required to determine whether the unit meets the required Housing Quality Standards set by HUD.

Once it has been determined that all applicable program requirements have been met, the landlord is notified, and the necessary documents are executed:

- A Lease between the tenant and landlord;
- The Housing Assistance Payments Contract between
- Tioga Opportunities, Inc. and the landlord.

Recertifications are done on an annual basis to redetermine the eligibility of the family at lease renewal. Interim recertifications may be required due to change in family income or structure.

The guidelines for administering the Section 8 Existing Program are set forth in the Public Housing Agency Administrative Practices Handbook, published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and in the Federal Register. Periodic field audits are conducted by the area office to monitor the program and ensure compliance with HUD's rules and regulations.

For further information, write Tioga Opportunities, Inc. Housing Services, 1023 State Route 38, Owego, NY 13827 or phone 607/687-0707.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED FOR TIOGA COUNTY RESIDENTS
VALID PROOFS: COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE, COPY OF LEASE OR A
UTILITY BILL WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS LISTED



WAITING LIST APPLICATION

Tioga Opportunities, Inc., Housing Services Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

This form must be completed by the Head of Household. Use the legal name for each household member.

Date	Head of Household Name			Email Address		
Home Phone		Work Phone		Cell Phone		Other Phone
Address (Please list last known address if you are currently homeless)				Apt. #	City	State ZIP Code
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Is your mailing address the same as listed above?				
If No:	Mailing Address			Apt. #	City	State ZIP Code

If selected for the waiting list, you will be required to provide proof of residency if your address is located in the location of the waiting list for which you are applying.

I. HOUSEHOLD: List all people who will live in the home.

Please note that information about disability status and age may be used to determine selection from the waiting list.

Enter information about all family members who will live in the home, including any unborn children.

Relation: head of household, spouse, domestic partner, co-head, son, daughter, foster child/adult, live-in aide, other adult

Race: Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, White

1. Head of Household							
Last Name		First Name		MI	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F) Relation
							HEAD
Disability Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Citizen Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Full-time Student Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Race	Hispanic/Latino Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security #	Alien Registration #	
2. Household Member							
Last Name		First Name		MI	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F) Relation
Disability Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Citizen Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Full-time Student Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Race	Hispanic/Latino Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security #	Alien Registration #	
3. Household Member							
Last Name		First Name		MI	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F) Relation
Disability Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Citizen Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Full-time Student Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Race	Hispanic/Latino Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security #	Alien Registration #	
4. Household Member							
Last Name		First Name		MI	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F) Relation
Disability Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Citizen Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Full-time Student Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Race	Hispanic/Latino Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security #	Alien Registration #	
5. Household Member							
Last Name		First Name		MI	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F) Relation
Disability Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Citizen Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Full-time Student Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Race	Hispanic/Latino Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security #	Alien Registration #	
6. Household Member							
Last Name		First Name		MI	Date of Birth		Sex (M/F) Relation
Disability Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Citizen Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Full-time Student Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Race	Hispanic/Latino Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security #	Alien Registration #	

Please provide any additional household member information on a separate sheet of paper.

II. ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

YES	NO	Question
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you currently homeless?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is any household member a U.S. military veteran?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is any household member subject to lifetime sex offender registration?
		If YES: Who and Where: _____ Details of Crime: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has any household member been convicted of any crime (besides traffic violations)?
		If YES: Who: _____ State: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has any household member been convicted of drug-related criminal activity for the manufacture or production of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing?
		If YES: Who and Where: _____ Details of Crime: _____

III. FAMILY'S ANNUAL INCOME

Complete all income sources for the family including, but not limited to: wages, Welfare/TANF, outside contributions, self-employment income, child support, unemployment, Social Security, and SSI.		
Household Member Name	Type of Income (wage, SS, SSI, TANF, contribution, child support, etc.)	Amount of income per year
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
Total Family Income		\$

Please provide any additional income information on a separate sheet of paper.

IV. FAMILY'S ASSETS

Complete the following for all assets owned by a household member including, but not limited to: checking accounts, savings accounts, property held as an investment, bonds, IRA, life insurance policy, money market account, 401K, and trust funds.				
Household Member Name	Name and Full Address and Phone Number or Email Address of Asset	Cash Value	Interest Rate	Annual Income
1				
2				
3				

Please provide any additional asset information on a separate sheet of paper.

V. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I/we certify that all the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we have reviewed this form and certify that the information shown is true and correct.

Criminal and Administrative Actions for False Information

I/We understand that knowingly supplying false, incomplete or inaccurate information is punishable under Federal or State criminal law. I/We understand that knowingly supplying false, incomplete or inaccurate information is grounds for termination of housing assistance, termination of tenancy or denial of assistance.

Signature of Head of Household

Date

Signature of Spouse / Co-Head

Date

Warning: Section 1001 of Title 18, of the U.S. Code makes it a criminal offense to make willful false statements or misrepresentations to any Department of Agency of the U.S. as to any matter within its Jurisdiction.



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

DEBTS OWED TO PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES AND TERMINATIONS

Paperwork Reduction Notice: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7 minutes per response. This includes the time for respondents to read the document and certify, and any recordkeeping burden. This information will be used in the processing of a tenancy. Response to this request for information is required to receive benefits. The agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB Number is 2577-0266, and expires 10/31/2019.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE FOLLOWING HUD RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

- Public Housing (24 CFR 960)
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, including the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (24 CFR 982)
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (24 CFR 882)
- Project-Based Voucher (24 CFR 983)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development maintains a national repository of debts owed to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) or Section 8 landlords and adverse information of former participants who have voluntarily or involuntarily terminated participation in one of the above-listed HUD rental assistance programs. This information is maintained within HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system, which is used by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and their management agents to verify employment and income information of program participants, as well as, to reduce administrative and rental assistance payment errors. The EIV system is designed to assist PHAs and HUD in ensuring that families are eligible to participate in HUD rental assistance programs and determining the correct amount of rental assistance a family is eligible for. All PHAs are required to use this system in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 5.233.

HUD requires PHAs, which administers the above-listed rental housing programs, to report certain information at the conclusion of your participation in a HUD rental assistance program. This notice provides you with information on what information the PHA is required to provide HUD, who will have access to this information, how this information is used and your rights. PHAs are required to provide this notice to all applicants and program participants and you are required to acknowledge receipt of this notice by signing page 2. Each adult household member must sign this form.

What information about you and your tenancy does HUD collect from the PHA?

The following information is collected about each member of your household (family composition): full name, date of birth, and Social Security Number.

The following adverse information is collected once your participation in the housing program has ended, whether you voluntarily or involuntarily move out of an assisted unit:

1. Amount of any balance you owe the PHA or Section 8 landlord (up to \$500,000) and explanation for balance owed (i.e. unpaid rent, retroactive rent (due to unreported income and/ or change in family composition) or other charges such as damages, utility charges, etc.); and
2. Whether or not you have entered into a repayment agreement for the amount that you owe the PHA; and
3. Whether or not you have defaulted on a repayment agreement; and
4. Whether or not the PHA has obtained a judgment against you; and
5. Whether or not you have filed for bankruptcy; and
6. The negative reason(s) for your end of participation or any negative status (i.e., abandoned unit, fraud, lease violations, criminal activity, etc.) as of the end of participation date.

Who will have access to the information collected?

This information will be available to HUD employees, PHA employees, and contractors of HUD and PHAs.

How will this information be used?

PHAs will have access to this information during the time of application for rental assistance and reexamination of family income and composition for existing participants. PHAs will be able to access this information to determine a family's suitability for initial or continued rental assistance, and avoid providing limited Federal housing assistance to families who have previously been unable to comply with HUD program requirements. If the reported information is accurate, a PHA may terminate your current rental assistance and deny your future request for HUD rental assistance, subject to PHA policy.

How long is the debt owed and termination information maintained in EIV?

Debt owed and termination information will be maintained in EIV for a period of up to ten (10) years from the end of participation date or such other period consistent with State Law.

What are my rights?

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 USC 552a) and HUD regulations pertaining to its implementation of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (24 CFR Part 16), you have the following rights:

1. To have access to your records maintained by HUD, subject to 24 CFR Part 16.
2. To have an administrative review of HUD's initial denial of your request to have access to your records maintained by HUD.
3. To have incorrect information in your record corrected upon written request.
4. To file an appeal request of an initial adverse determination on correction or amendment of record request within 30 calendar days after the issuance of the written denial.
5. To have your record disclosed to a third party upon receipt of your written and signed request.

What do I do if I dispute the debt or termination information reported about me?

If you disagree with the reported information, you should contact in writing the PHA who has reported this information about you. The PHA's name, address, and telephone numbers are listed on the Debts Owed and Termination Report. You have a right to request and obtain a copy of this report from the PHA. Inform the PHA why you dispute the information and provide any documentation that supports your dispute. HUD's record retention policies at 24 CFR Part 908 and 24 CFR Part 982 provide that the PHA may destroy your records three years from the date your participation in the program ends. To ensure the availability of your records, disputes of the original debt or termination information must be made within three years from the end of participation date; otherwise the debt and termination information will be presumed correct. Only the PHA who reported the adverse information about you can delete or correct your record. Your filing of bankruptcy will not result in the removal of debt owed or termination information from HUD's EIV system. However, if you have included this debt in your bankruptcy filing and/or this debt has been discharged by the bankruptcy court, your record will be updated to include the bankruptcy indicator, when you provide the PHA with documentation of your bankruptcy status.

The PHA will notify you in writing of its action regarding your dispute within 30 days of receiving your written dispute. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is incorrect, the PHA will update or delete the record. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is correct, the PHA will provide an explanation as to why the information is correct.

This Notice was provided by the below-listed PHA:

**I hereby acknowledge that the PHA provided me with the
*Debts Owed to PHAs & Termination Notice:***

Signature

Date

Printed Name

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)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Recertification Process
<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to contact you	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in lease terms
<input type="checkbox"/> Termination of rental assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in house rules
<input type="checkbox"/> Eviction from unit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Late payment of rent	
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.

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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.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY

The purpose of this data is for Tioga Opportunities to better serve you. Please provide us with the following data to better assess the needs of the community. Providing us with this information will not influence your eligibility.

Type of Dwelling : Own Mobile Home Own Single-family home Own Multi-family home
 Rent Homeless

Do you receive other services? Food Stamps? WIC? HEAP? Other? _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Household Member's Name	Pregnant ?	Reliable Transportation?	Marital Status	Health Insurance	Veteran	Highest Level of Education
(head:)						
Choose from these Responses:	Yes No	Bike, Public, No, Yes, Friends, Family	Single Married Separated Divorced	Medicaid, Medicare Employee-based Military, Child Health Ins None, State Ins for Adults	Yes No	Grade, HS graduate 2-yr degree 4-yr degree Post graduate

NYS Relay Telephone Number for TTY/VCO users:

711 or 800-662-1220

