



Housing Choice Voucher Applications Selected Preferences for Eligibility

Displaced by Government Action

You must provide a letter from a government Agency verifying a government action (public improvement/development program) or a disaster (a dwelling has been declared extensively damaged or destroyed pursuant to federal relief laws)

Involuntarily Displaced

You must be in need of immediate shelter by reason of extreme hardship due to a disaster or catastrophe such as fire, flood, storm, or condemnation through no fault of your own. You will need to provide a letter from social service or government agency, or a notarized letter from a property owner who can verify your displacement, **OR**

You are in need of immediate shelter by reason of extreme hardship such as individuals who are victims of domestic violence, reprisal, or hate crimes. Documentation from a government agency must represent this hardship within the last thirty (30) days

Substandard Housing

You must provide KCDC with a letter from a government agency stating that your house is unsafe, unsanitary, overcrowded, structural condition or lack of utilities, **OR**

- A letter from a government or social service agency verifying that you are currently without fixed nighttime residence or staying in a supervised shelter.

Limited Homeless Coordinated Entry system

To be eligible for the Limited Homeless CES preference, applicant must provide a referral from CES, must be a current Coordinated Housing Assessment and Match Plan (CHAMP) participant and prioritized through the Coordinated Entry system. An applicant family who is homeless as defined in category 1 of the definition of "homeless" under federal regulation [24 CFR § 578.3](#), which means without a fixed nighttime residence or staying in a supervised shelter designed to provide temporary living arrangements, including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by public or private funds. For purposes of this preference, "homeless" means:

An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- (i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- (ii) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, [transitional housing](#), and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, [State](#), or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
- (iii) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she

resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an [emergency shelter](#) or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Disability or Handicap

A disabled family as defined in HUD regulations – a family whose head, spouse, or sole member is disabled.

Local Residency Preference

Knox County residents will be selected from the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list before non-Knox County Residents.



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