Welcome to Harris County Housing Authority
Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (formerly Section 8)
Wait List Open Enrollment Site

HCV is a federally–funded program that subsidizes decent, safe, and sanitary housing for low-income persons. Applicants must meet all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development income and eligibility requirements.

When: Pre-applications will be accepted ONLINE only for the HCV Program Waiting List. The open enrollment period will be Monday, October 31, 2016 9:00 am through Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Waitlist status is not on a first-come, first-served basis.

How: Pre-applications will be accepted ONLINE ONLY. Submission of a pre-application does not guarantee placement on any Waiting List. Only one pre-application per family will be accepted. Duplicate applications will be rejected.

Information needed: Names, Social Security numbers, birthdates and income information for everyone in the household. An email address will be required. If you do not have one, the application process will allow you to create one (Only used if requiring email addresses.) If you need assistance in another language, Google Translate will assist you during the application process.

Things for the applicants to know when filling out the application:

- When adding HH members, an additional field for a new HH member will be added once you start typing in the last available text box.

- The application requires the applicant to put in their income, even if it is $0.

- Applicants MUST get to the page with their application receipt to complete the application process. After they complete the application they must create an account on WL check before receiving their receipt.

- People accepted onto the WL will receive their user pin to create an account on Assistance Check through their account on WL check.

- All applicants should check back on WL check to see if they made the lottery on November 14, 2016.

Lottery Process: The waiting list placement will be based on a computerized random selection (lottery process). Once the wait list open enrollment period ends, we will select 5,000 of the
pre-applications received to be on the wait list. Once the 5,000 are selected, they will be reviewed to determine preliminary eligibility and preferences will applied to determine the final order. Submission of a pre-application does not guarantee placement on the Wait List, eligibility, or an offer of a Housing Choice Voucher.

**Reasons for denial of pre-applications:** Pre-applications will be removed from the wait list if any of the following are determined at the initial interview:

- Drug or violent criminal activity within the last three years. If any drug activity, you may remain on the list if you have completed or are in a drug rehabilitation program at the time of the initial interview.
- Life-time registered sex offender.
- Persons convicted of manufacturing or producing methamphetamine.
- If any family member has been evicted/terminated from a federally-assisted housing program in the last five years.

**Criminal background checks and screening for previous tenant history in assisted housing is conducted at the time of the eligibility interview for all adult household members.**

On November 14, 2016 we will post the status information on [www.waitlistcheck.com](http://www.waitlistcheck.com). Applicants may verify if they were selected.

**Reasonable Accommodation:** It is the policy of the Harris County Housing Authority to provide reasonable accommodations to those persons with disabilities so that they can participate equally in its housing programs. To request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Housing Authority at 713-669-4566.