

Anchorage Housing Choice Voucher Lottery Information Sheet



The Housing Choice Voucher Program allows an eligible family to select a unit in the private market to rent, and AHFC pays a portion of the rent directly to the Landlord. An Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) representative will assist you if you have questions concerning your application.

Drop Box 440 East Benson Blvd. Anchorage, AK	Mailing Address PO Box 241385 Anchorage, AK 99524-1385
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Anchorage Office Information

- Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Geographic Jurisdiction: the Municipality of Anchorage including Girdwood, Eklutna, and communities in between
- Drop box is to the left of the main entrance door off Benson Blvd.
- Community Information: www.anchorage.net/

Residency Requirement. A family must reside in the community where they are applying for at least 30 days prior to their application date to be eligible to move or port their voucher. For this lottery, if the applicant has not established residency in Anchorage's jurisdiction, the applicant will be required to live in the jurisdiction for at least 12 months before being eligible to move or port.

To Get an Application

Waiting List Lottery Applications will be available on July 1, 2019 and can be submitted electronically or as a paper application.

1. Go to www.ahfc.us/publichousing/rental-programs/waiting-list-status.
 - a. Choose the Anchorage Lottery Application to submit a paper application, OR
 - b. Choose the Anchorage Electronic Application.
2. Pick up a paper application at the Anchorage Family Investment Center at 440 East Benson Blvd., Anchorage.

Electronic Application. To apply online, a family needs an email address. If you do not have an email account or access to a computer, AHFC has a computer lab. You can find the computer lab address and hours at <https://www.ahfc.us/publichousing/gateway-education/computer-lab-hours>.

Completing Your Application

1. Please print legibly or type.
2. Answer all the questions to the best of your ability.
3. All applications must meet income eligibility guidelines. Income Limits are listed below.



Instructions for Submitting Your Application

1. Applications will be accepted from July 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019. Applications postmarked as of July 31, 2019 will be accepted.
2. Submit your paper application by:
 - a. Mailing it to PO Box 241385, Anchorage, AK 99524-1366, OR
 - b. Placing it in the drop box (see drop box location above)
3. **Applications will not be accepted at the front counter at any AHFC office location.**

This is a Lottery

1. Each applicant family may submit only one application. Duplicate applications will be withdrawn.
2. Date and time of application submission **will not** factor into the applicant's final placement on the waiting list.
 - a. Once the application period has closed, each eligible applicant will receive a lottery number.
 - i. The lottery number will determine the applicant's waiting list position.
 - ii. Every applicant has an equal opportunity to be ranked at the top of the list.
 - b. Applications must meet income eligibility guidelines (see Income Limits below).
3. Eligible applicants will receive a Waiting List Placement letter along with their random lottery number.

All applicants meeting income eligibility for the lottery will be placed on the Anchorage Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting List. Before receiving rental assistance, families will be screened for eligibility. Screening includes verification of household members and their income, previous housing assistance participation, debts owed to AHFC or other housing authorities, citizenship status, previous tenancies, and any criminal activity or history.

Income Limits

1. Count the total number of persons that will be in your assisted household.
2. The gross annual income of all family members cannot exceed the limit for that number of persons.
3. Applications with income that exceed these limits will be rejected.

Family Size	Gross Annual Income Limit	Family Size	Gross Annual Income Limit
1 Person	36,750	5 Persons	56,650
2 Persons	42,000	6 Persons	60,850
3 Persons	47,250	7 Persons	65,050
4 Persons	52,450	8 Persons	69,250

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$5,530 for each additional family member.

AHFC Fair Housing Statement

It is the policy of Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to further Fair Housing in all its programs. No person shall on the grounds of age, race, color, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under AHFC housing programs. If you would like more information on the Public Housing Division's Reasonable Accommodation process, please contact your local AHFC office.

Anchorage Housing Choice Voucher Lottery Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I apply if I don't live in Alaska or Anchorage?

Yes, but you will not be eligible to port your voucher to another location until after you have resided in Anchorage for 12 months with your voucher.

2. How will I know if my application is accepted in the lottery?

- If you submit your application electronically, you will receive a confirmation number and an email to the address you supply.
- Once the lottery is closed, AHFC will contact all successful lottery applicants in writing with an approximate waiting time and a lottery number. The lottery number is your position on the waiting list. Please keep AHFC updated with your current mailing address.

3. Does AHFC have any special voucher rules?

Yes. AHFC has an alternate method for calculating a family's level of subsidy.

- A Classic Program family (www.ahfc.us/publichousing/classic-program) has a triennial examination schedule and must follow the standard HUD rules to port a voucher to another housing authority (please also see question 1).
- A Step Program family (www.ahfc.us/publichousing/step-program) has rental assistance limited to five years, subsidy that slowly "steps" down, and specific criteria to port a voucher to another housing authority.

4. What if I owe money to AHFC or another housing authority?

- Owed to AHFC – You **must** pay off your debt before receiving housing assistance. To inquire about your balance, contact AHFC at 907-330-8426 or 800-478-2432 (outside Anchorage).
 - If your debt is at our Collection Agency, you must pay them. You can contact Cornerstone Credit Services at 907-770-8100 or 877-375-8100 (outside Anchorage).
 - If your debt is still with AHFC, you may pay it at the office at 4300 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage. Ask for Jane or Regina in Public Housing.
- Owed to Another Housing Authority – Contact them immediately. You will need to pay your balance in full and provide proof of payment to be eligible for housing with AHFC.