

LOCAL PREFERENCES FOR RESIDENTS OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY. The PHA will offer the following local preferences only one time, treated equally, for Westmoreland County residents:

Educational/Training Preference for families that are residents of Westmoreland County where the head of household or spouse are current graduates or current participants in educational (full-time student) or training programs designed to retrain and prepare the individual for the job market. The PHA will require detailed information from the agency or institution providing the education or training. Online classes are not acceptable.

Transitional Housing Preference for families that are residents of Westmoreland County and who are participating in a transitional housing program preparing the family to live independently. The PHA will require a letter of referral from the agency or institution providing the transitional housing.

Victims of Domestic Violence Preference for families that are residents of Westmoreland County: The applicant must have a current Westmoreland County Protection From Abuse (PFA) Order; or The applicant must have a current Westmoreland County Protection from Abuse (PFA) Order and the domestic abuse shelter must provide a referral letter that indicates the family has resided at the shelter for at least 30 days. If the applicant meets the 30-day criteria but has moved from the shelter, a determination will be made on a case-by-case basis regarding retention of the preference. The family must certify that the abuser will not return to the household.

Involuntarily Displaced Preference for a family that is a resident of Westmoreland County who has been permanently displaced from their home or the unit is uninhabitable: Government Action including, but not limited to, condemnation, property acquisition, code enforcement, grant activity, or a federally declared disaster. Disasters including, but not limited to: Fire, Flood. Verification must be provided in the form of a notice of displacement or letter of referral from the agency which displaced the applicant (i.e., Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.).

Homeless Preference for a family that is a resident of Westmoreland County who Lacks fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and, Has primary nighttime residence that is a supervised public or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living; and, Provides documentation from the shelter that indicates the family has resided at the shelter for at least 30 days. If the applicant meets the 30-day criteria but has moved from the shelter, a determination will be made on a case-by-case basis regarding retention of the preference. The applicant will be considered to be "homeless" if one of the following criteria exits: The applicant has moved from the shelter but has not relocated to permanent housing (i.e., is staying with relatives or friends). Prior to processing the application, the PHA may require a second certification from the same source that the applicant is not yet permanently housed and has been continuously homeless or temporarily housed since claiming the preference. If a family is in transitional housing and wishes the PHA to hold the family's place on the waiting list, a statement is required from the agency providing the transitional housing. Verification must be provided in the form of a referral letter from the homeless shelter provider.

Veteran's Preference will be extended to residents of Westmoreland County: Current members of the U. S. Armed Forces; Veterans with an honorable discharge; Spouses or surviving spouses of veterans; Dependent parent (age 62 or older) or a child (person with disabilities) of a veteran; A divorced spouse of a veteran who is

the legal guardian of a child of a veteran; The PHA will require U. S. government documents which indicate that the applicant qualifies under the above definition: Discharge papers (Form DD214 showing honorable), and Proof of veteran benefits such as pension, disability, or medical benefits; or Any documents verifying current service status.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

YES NO
 Are you presently or has any member of your household ever participated in a rental assistance program:
_____ Subsidized housing _____ Section 8
_____ Public Housing

Where _____
What dates _____
Owner's Name _____

YES NO
 Did you leave owing money (rent, damages, etc.)?

YES NO
 Have you or anyone in your household:
Been convicted of manufacturing or producing methamphetamine in violation of any Federal or State law?

Is anyone in your household subject to lifetime registration under a State sex offender program?

Do you wish to move?

FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM.
 Is your family involved with the Children's Bureau?
 Would this program help keep or reunite your family?
 Do you have full custody of your children?

Emergency Contact (other than a household member) List

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Relationship _____

Application (rev 9/6/00, 4/20/01, 6/22/01, 10/02, 02/03, 10/06, 7/08 4/09, 12/10, 3/16, 8/16, 10/16)

When applications reach the top of the waiting list, **HUD requires a criminal background screening of all adults (age 18 and older). Applicants with a criminal background history must be fingerprinted and run through the FBI's files covering all states.** It is the applicant's responsibility to provide us with all

necessary information to properly process your application and verify your eligibility. This will include names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, account numbers where applicable and any other information required expediting this process.

Authorization, Representations and Certifications

I understand that any misrepresentations of information or failure to disclose information requested on this application may disqualify me from consideration for admission or participation, and may be grounds for eviction or termination of assistance. I understand information will be verified from credit reports, civil or criminal actions, rental history, employment/salary details, police and vehicle records, and any other relevant information. I do hereby authorize WESTMORELAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY to obtain a "consumer report" as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1681a(d), seeking information on the credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, general reputation, or mode of living of applicants.

WARNING! Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code, states that a person who knowingly and willingly makes false or fraudulent statements to any Department or Agency of the U.S. or the Department of Housing and Urban Development is guilty of a felony.

NOTICE: Any attempt to obtain Public Housing, any rent subsidy or rent reduction by false information, impersonation, failure to disclose or other fraud, and any act of assistance to such attempt is a crime subject to the penalties of Title 18, Crimes and Offenses of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Chapter 49, Subchapter A, Perjury and Falsification in official matters, Section 4904 (unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signatures: _____ Date _____

Head of household: **X** _____

Spouse/ other adult: **X** _____

Other adult: **X** _____

**Return application to:
Westmoreland County Housing Authority
Section 8 Department
167 S Greengate Road
Greensburg PA 15601-6392**