

Lincoln Housing Authority

**PREFERENCES** Please check any that apply to your situation.

*An applicant for Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher program and Section 8 properties is eligible for a preference if one of the following is verifiable.*

- Disaster** such as flood or fire - unit is not livable.
  
- Domestic violence** - displaced/homeless by domestic violence - actual or threatened physical violence against one or more members of the applicant family by a spouse or other member of the applicant's household. Such applicants must have been forced to move because of domestic violence or lives with a person who engages in domestic violence. Families that become displaced/homeless due to domestic violence must provide documentation from a shelter, case-manager, police reports, protection order or any other credible documentation that substantiates the fact the applicant became displaced/homeless due to domestic violence and the displacement occurred within the last 3 months of the requested preference. Such violence must be recent or continuing. **The applicant must certify that the person who engaged in such violence will not reside with the applicant family unless the Housing Authority has given advance written approval. If the family is admitted, the Housing Authority may deny or terminate assistance to the family for breach of the certification.**
  
- Homeless family** or individual lacks a fixed or regular and adequate nighttime residence **AND** has a primary nighttime Residence that is a supervised public or private operated shelter providing temporary living accommodations; **or an institution that provides a temporary residence for persons intended to be institutionalized**; or a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodation. The acceptable verification must come from a government agency, law enforcement agency, public or private shelter, clergy, or social services agency.

**Housing Choice Voucher only preferences:** (These preferences do not apply to the Public Housing Program)

- Employment First program or other approved self-sufficiency program** The applicant is current and active in the participation with the Health and Human Services program, Employment First, or in any approved self-sufficiency program.
  
- Military:** Households who were terminated from the LHA voucher program due to the head of household or spouse being placed in active military duty.
  
- Do you have a **Rentwise Certification?**  yes  no If yes, please submit a copy of the certification to LHA. Rentwise is a 12 hour educational program to help renters obtain and keep rental housing. See enclosed brochure and registration form to enroll.

**Public Housing only preference:** (This preference does not apply to the Housing Choice Voucher Program)

- Working Family**  
A family with at least one adult member who is currently employed at least 25 hours per week. A self-employed person will be considered to meet the requirement if the net monthly earnings have equaled or exceeded the dollar value of 25 hours per week at minimum wage. A family whose head or spouse or sole member is age 62 or older or is a person with a disability also qualifies for this preference. This preference does not apply to Mahoney Manor or Burke Plaza.