



Beginning Monday, December 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. the Housing Authority of Plainfield will accept pre-applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (“HCV”) Program waitlist. Pre-applications will be accepted online ONLY at www.hapnj.org. The Section 8 HCV Program provides rental assistance to New Jersey residents to obtain decent, safe, and sanitary housing. Applicants must be eighteen (18) or older or an emancipated minor and meet all applicable federal income and eligibility requirements. ONLY 800 applicants will be selected through a random lottery system and placed on the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list.

Plainfield has adopted the following waiting list **preferences**: 1) Veterans and their surviving spouses; and 2.) Local residency preference for the city of Plainfield (below are the detailed definitions). Applicants who qualify for one or more preferences will have priority for selection from the waiting list. All preferences will be verified by the Plainfield Housing Authority.

All applicants must meet all eligibility criteria for a Section 8 HCV Program at the time of selection from the waiting list. Preference is applied after the person has been selected to the waiting list.

Only one (1) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-application per household will be accepted.

Definitions of Preferences:

Veteran Preference: A “veteran” means any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the Armed forces of the United States or any honorably discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared by the U.S. Department of Defense to be eligible for Federal veterans’ benefits. The surviving spouse of a veteran as defined above and who is a New Jersey resident is entitled to the same preference until they remarry.

Local Residency Preference: A local residency preference is available for admission of families or individuals who live in the city of Plainfield. This information will be verified.

When: Pre-applications will be accepted from **Monday, December 18, 2023, at 9:00 AM EST., to Friday, December 22, 2023, at 5:00 PM EST.** All Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-applications will be selected through a **random lottery process.**

How: The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-applications will be available only online at: www.hapnj.org Only, one (1) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-application per household will be accepted. Duplicate Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-applications will not be considered. Paper pre-applications will not be accepted. Please contact the HAP admissions department @ 908-769-6335 X 888 for reasonable accommodation, during the hours of 10am to 4:00pm Monday thru Friday or email us at hcvinfo@hap-nj.org during the opening period.

Submission of a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-application does not guarantee placement on the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list.