

LOCAL PREFERENCES. If you qualify for one or more of the local preferences listed below you will receive priority on the waiting list. Have each social service agency you are dealing with verify your preference on their letterhead and attach these letters to your application. Applications without verifications will be processed as usual.

_____ **Homeless** or will be homeless within 6 months if you are:
 *living in a supervised public or private shelter (letter from shelter);
 *resident at an institution or in a group home preparing the individual to become self-sufficient; (letter from agency)

_____ Participants in **transitional housing** programs (letter from agency).

_____ **Natural disaster** (fire, flood, earthquake, tornado, etc.) causing the unit to be uninhabitable within past 6 months (letter from Red Cross or Salvation Army).

_____ **Code enforcement** by Federal, state or local government including public improvement or development (letter from local government agency).

_____ Participants/graduates in **educational and training programs** within the past 6 months designed to prepare the individual for the job market (documents from school or instructors).

_____ Victim of **domestic violence** within past 6 months (letter from domestic abuse shelter or copy of PFA).

_____ **Veteran's Preference** for current members of the U.S. Armed Forces; veterans who were discharged under circumstances other than dishonorable; spouses or surviving spouses of veterans; dependent parent or child of a veteran; or divorced spouse of 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; 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 _____

Return the application to:

Westmoreland County Housing Authority
 Section 8 Department
 154 South Greengate Road
 Greensburg, PA 15601-6392

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

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** _____