

Need Assistance Filling Out Housing Applications?

Do you have a family member or friend/neighbor who can help?

Do you have a Case Manager?
Ask your case manager for assistance

Are you 60+ years of age?
Call your local Senior Center

Do you have a Physical Disability?
Call Access to Independence
608-242-8484

Are you a Veteran and Homeless?
Call 608-280-2095

For more information on homeless and housing resources, please visit:
<https://www.danecountyhumanservices.org/HAA/Homeless-Resources>

Checklist for Housing Applications

1. Personal information
 - ☐ Names of all household members
 - ☐ Social security numbers
 - ☐ Driver's license or ID numbers
 - ☐ Birth dates of household members
2. Where you have lived for the past 5 years
 - ☐ How long you have lived at each place
 - ☐ Addresses
 - ☐ Landlord's name, address, and phone number
 - ☐ How much rent you paid per month
3. References
 - ☐ Name, address and phone numbers for 3 people. (Employers and landlords are good references)
4. Where you have worked in the past 5 years
 - ☐ Names, phone numbers, and addresses of all your employers
 - ☐ How much money you earned at each job (wages, paystubs)
5. Financial information
 - ☐ Social Security
 - ☐ Pensions/annuities
 - ☐ Interest on any accounts
 - ☐ Other ways you get money (child support)
 - ☐ Name of bank, address, account numbers, checking/savings balances
 - ☐ Assets: stocks, bonds, money market accounts, retirement accounts, life insurance, etc.
6. Expenses
 - ☐ Medical expenses
 - ☐ personal assistance
 - ☐ child care

Tips for Applying to Housing in Dane County

- Types of Housing
- How to Apply
- Checklist for Applications



Types of Housing

Housing Type	Rent Range	Advantages	Disadvantages	Where to Apply
Subsidized Housing	Rent is about 30% of your monthly income. There are income limits.	Affordable. Must follow federal housing guidelines.	Long waiting lists up to 5 years & some waitlists are closed. The rent subsidy stays with the apartment, it does not move with you. Must pass background check to qualify.	Apply directly with local Public Housing Authorities or property management companies.
Section 8 Voucher Program	Rent is between 30% and 40% of your monthly income. There are income limits.	Affordable. Rent subsidy can move with you.	Waitlist is closed most of the time. Limits on amount of rent covered. Must pass background check to qualify.	Apply with local Public Housing Authorities.
Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program (Section 42)	Rent is market rate minus a discount. There are income limits.	Many newer properties. Many are accessible. Many apartment complexes are senior communities. Rent discount.	Waiting lists can be 6 months to 2 years. Rent discount is not always low enough to be affordable. Must pass a background check to qualify.	Apply directly with property management companies.
Privately Owned/Market Rate Housing	Variable depends on size, location, age, condition, what the going market rate is for rent, etc.	Flexibility, Choice, Availability.	No rent discount & some landlords require that your income is 3 times the rent. Many landlords require a background check.	Apply with landlord or property management company.