

# Section 8 Housing Application Tips

Wyoming Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program is a federally funded program the low-income tenants so that they can afford quality housing. Section 8 rental assistance will pay a major portion of such tenant's rent to ensure that they can afford a housing that they won't be able to afford otherwise. U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the program while local Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) administer it at the local level. These agencies check eligibility and provide rental subsidy to the landlord if a Section 8 tenant is living in the housing. The program aims to help families with extremely low income first, thus requiring 70% vouchers to be distributed among families with income below 30% of the area median income.

## Who Can Qualify for Section 8?

To receive Section 8 voucher, an applicant will need to meet HUD's program requirements.

**Family unit:** You must fall under HUD's definition of a family unit. The definition of a family unit includes both individuals as well as a group of people living together.

**Household income:** Your household income must be below the income limit for Section 8 program. About 70% of the vouchers are given to families with income at or below 30% of the area median income. However, in case funds are still available, PHAs can issue the remaining vouchers to families with household income at or below 50% of the area median income.

**Citizenship:** Section 8 rental assistance is only available for U.S citizens and qualified aliens. If you can't prove your citizenship status, you won't be eligible for the program.

**Background check:** Your local PHA will run a background check on you to determine whether you've a history for alcohol abuse, sexual offense, or eviction from public housing for drug-related criminal activity.

## Application Tips:

- Apply early process could take 6-8 months.
- **For a priority application send 2 forms of proof of Wyoming Residency with your application: vehicle registration, utility bill, medical bill.**
- **Use a good mailing address if your mail is returned you will be taken off the list, if you know you will be moving use a friend's address, get a PO Box, or you can use YCAN's PO Box 600 Basin, WY 82410, but make sure to stay in contact us so we can reach you.**
- Call in on 14th, 15th, and 16th of the month to see your place in line.

## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT SECTION 8 HOUSING PLEASE CONTACT:

Section 8 Rental Assistance  
607 Avenue "E" Powell, Wyoming 82435  
(307) 754-9280 Monday—Friday 8am to 5pm  
[www.cheyennehousing.org](http://www.cheyennehousing.org)

We have attached a Section 8 Housing Application along with an addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.