

Yakima Housing Authority (YHA) plans to accept applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program online starting on 01/01/2021 at 12:01a.m. and ending 01/31/2021 at 11:59p.m. (Application Period) During the Application Period, you can access the online application through our Web site at www.yakimahousing.org and enter an application at any time of day or night. YHA will accept only a single application from any one household, so submitting multiple applications will not increase your chances of receiving a voucher. Only the last application you submit will be considered.

YHA anticipates receiving far more applications for vouchers than we will be able to issue in any reasonable period of time. Therefore, in order to be fair and consistent with Federal law, YHA plans to process the Section 8 applications received using a lottery. The lottery means that, after all the applications are received, we will use a computer **to randomly select 200 applications** to be placed on our Section 8 waiting list. Applicants selected in the lottery are NOT guaranteed a voucher. Being selected by the lottery only means that the selected applications will be placed on the waiting list. Once on the waiting list, you may receive an offer for a voucher, but only if you are eligible for subsidized housing under Federal law and only if vouchers become available through this agency in the near future.

Since we are selecting applications for inclusion on the waiting list by lottery, the day and time you submit your application during the Application Period will have NO effect on whether your application is selected in the lottery and will NOT determine whether you receive a voucher from YHA.

If your application is not selected in the lottery, your application will not be placed on the waiting list at all. Your only opportunity for a Section 8 voucher with our agency will be to reapply when we open the waiting list again in the future.