Public Housing Waiting List FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

## When will the waiting list for Public Housing be open and how do I apply?

The St. Paul Public Housing Agency (St. Paul PHA) will begin accepting online applications for public housing apartments with 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms at 8:00 AM on May 14, 2018 and continuing until further notice. It is an online-only application. You may apply at any time (24 hours a day) at [www.stpha.org](http://www.stpha.org)**.**  You can use any computer, tablet or smart phone with internet access to apply, including free computers at public libraries. This information is posted at [www.stpha.org](http://www.stpha.org) and [www.HousingLink.org](http://www.HousingLink.org).

## Can I come into a PHA office to apply?

No, you will not be able to come to any PHA office to complete an application. Applications are taken online only. There will not be any applications available at the PHA. The PHA will not have computers for applicants to use.

## Can you help me with the application?

No, PHA staff will not be able to help you with your application. Many community organizations will be able to help you.

## What information do I need to apply for the waiting list?

The application asks for Social Security numbers (SSN) and birth dates for all members of your household. You will also need to know your household’s annual income.

## Can I apply more than once? Can my spouse and I each put in a separate application?

No, only one application is allowed per family.

## I have a disability. How do I ask for a reasonable accommodation to apply for the waiting list?

Applicants who need a reasonable accommodation as a result of a disability can submit a written request to the PHA’s Rental Office. If you are planning to apply during the first week, we encourage you to submit a written request before the waiting list opens.

## Do I have to apply early to get a good place on the waiting list?

No. All applications received between 8:00 AM on May 14 through midnight on May 20, 2018 will be randomly sorted (like a lottery). It does not matter if you apply first or last since all applications received during that period will be entered in the lottery. After May 20 applications will be sorted by the date and time received.

## What happens after I apply? How will I know I am on the waiting list?

* If you apply during the first week, you may go to [www.stpha.org](http://www.stpha.org) on May 21, 2018 or later to register for the St. Paul PHA “MyHousing Applicant Portal” and confirm that you are on the waiting list. Click on the button “Update Application” and follow the directions to register for the portal.
* If you apply after May 20, 2018, you will be able to confirm that you are on the waiting list the next day.
* The MyHousing Applicant Portal will only confirm that you are on the waiting list. Please do not call the PHA for status information.
* All changes in your application (new address, etc.) will have to be submitted online using the MyHousing Applicant Portal which can be accessed at [www.stpha.org](http://www.stpha.org) by selecting “Update Application”.

## NOTE: The PHA has not been accepting applications for apartments with 6 bedrooms and that waiting list will remain closed, because it is very long now. Applications are still accepted for 5-bedroom family apartments, and for 1-bedroom and efficiency apartments in PHA hi-rise buildings.