

## **NOW THAT YOUR APPLIED FOR HOUSING, GET READY TO RENT**

**Public Housing:** If you applied for public housing, when it is your turn, RHA will assign you an apartment based upon your household size.

**Section 8:** If you applied for a Housing Choice Voucher (S8), when you receive your voucher, within a specified period of time YOU must find and qualify for rental housing with a landlord who will participate in the program.

**Below are tasks for you to accomplish while waiting for your opportunity to receive housing assistance from RHA. Begin now to ensure you are ready to apply and qualify for rental housing.**

### **INCOME:**

- Landlords will typically require your household income to be greater than their monthly rent.
- Secure and maintain a steady monthly income.
- Enroll in a life or job skill training program such as: [jobsforlife.org/trianglestudentapplication](http://jobsforlife.org/trianglestudentapplication)
- If seeking employment, Register for employment at NCWORKS <https://www.ncworks.gov/loginintro.asp>

### **LANDLORD REFERENCES:**

- Your previous landlords may be contacted for a rental reference.
- Ensure you do **not** owe any of your former landlords.
- Comply with your current lease obligations.
- Request a copy of your free annual credit reports <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>

### **UTILITY CONNECTIONS**

- Ensure you do **not** owe a past-due utility bill.
- Begin saving for utility connection fees and deposits (typically equal to a month of service).
- Ensure you will be able to transfer or establish utility services such as water, electric and gas.

### **MOVING EXPENSES**

- Take a budgeting class in order to establish a budget for your household income <https://tfsnc.org/financial-wellness/>
- Begin saving for your rental application fees.
- Begin saving for Security Deposits (typically equal to a month of rent).

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

- Keep RHA informed of your current contact information (Don't include link to *RHA Applicant Change form*)

**If after reviewing this document you feel you need additional assistance in order to be ready to rent, please contact <http://www.wakegov.com/humanservices/housing/services/Pages/readytorent.aspx>**