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What is the Self-Sufficiency Program?

HIP Housing's Self-Sufficiency Program is a scholarship that provides housing assistance and support services to motivated, low-income parents and/or transitional age foster youth with clearly defined education and career goals. With housing and support services, program participants are expected to achieve financial self-sufficiency within 1-5 years. It is not an emergency housing program and the application and selection process can be a few weeks to several months dependent upon funding. There can be 2 pathways within the Self-Sufficiency Program:

Housing Scholarship for SHARED Housing in one of four family homes owned by HIP Housing-

- 1½-2 years
- Single/two parent families
- Client shares either a 4 bedroom or 6 bedroom home with 1 or 2 other families
- Located in Redwood City, San Carlos & Menlo Park
- Client pays \$100 per room in monthly rent
- Monthly Coaching, Life Skills workshops and Fatherhood specific monthly services

Housing Scholarship for an individual apartment-

- 1-2 years
- Single/two-parent families OR transitional age foster youth
- Client rents their own home in a partner affordable housing unit OR a below market rate HIP Housing unit OR (on limited basis) the open market
- **HIP pays:**
 - 50% of rent up to \$1900 on a 1BDRM unit and 50% of rent up to \$2200 on a 2BDRM unit. Client pays remainder of rent for 1-2 years based on approved educational plan.
- Monthly Coaching, Life Skills workshops and Fatherhood specific monthly services

***Scholarships may be extended up to 5 years with the subsidy decreasing after the 2nd year (ask Program Assistant for more details)*

Who qualifies?

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a parent over 18 with minor children (under the age of 18) living with them
- Transitional age foster (TAY) youth ages 18-24 *(as funding allows)*
- Live, work or go to school in San Mateo County.
- Have the legal right to work in the United States. *(must have valid work permit, Legal Permanent Residency or a US Citizen)*
- Have a low income - (80% of annual median income) (family of 2= \$119,300; family of 3 = \$134,200; family of 4 = \$149,100) **for HIP scholarship only** ;
(50% of annual median income) (Family of 2=\$74,600; Family of 3=\$83,900; Family of 4=\$93,200;) **for SHARE scholarship only**
- Be clean & sober for at least 6 months (if in recovery).
- Be registered for or enrolled in vocational training and/or an education program or have recently completed vocational training/education program.
- Applicant's education or training program will be completed within 1 to 5 years

*To refer a client to the Self-Sufficiency Program
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What does a family have to submit before they can have an appointment to apply to the Self-Sufficiency Program?

For all Adults over age 18 in the household

- Driver's license or State ID
- Social Security Card
- Birth Certificate
- Legal Permanent Resident or Work Permit Card (if not a US citizen)
- Bank Statement
- Last four paycheck stubs (if employed)
- Verification of Cash Aid, Food Stamps, Child Support, SSI, Unemployment, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Internship Stipends, etc.
- Substance Abuse Treatment Verification (*if applicable*)
- List the amounts of your monthly expenses
- Letter of Reference from a previous or current landlord (*may use attached landlord reference form*)
- Your current resume
- Verification of your school registration that includes current class schedule – ***very important***
- www.creditkarma.com (your credit report & score)
- Unofficial college transcripts (*if attended or are attending a community college or University*)

For your children under age 18

- Social Security Card
- Birth Certificate
- Verification of School/Daycare (Name of school/daycare, Address & Phone Number)