

LOTTERY FACTS

WHEN WILL THE LOTTERY TAKE PLACE?

The lottery will begin at **9:00 am on Monday, August 20, 2018** through **11:59 pm Sunday August 26, 2018**. Before and after that time period, entries for the lottery will not be accepted.

HOW CAN I ENTER THE LOTTERY?

Use any computer to access the internet and go to **www.DHAVOUCHERS.ORG**. Be sure to have a pen and paper handy to record your confirmation number when your entry is submitted.

HOW DOES THE LOTTERY WORK?

The lottery is conducted on-line, with lottery entries only accepted for a limited period of time through the DHA HCVP lottery website, **www.DHAVOUCHERS.ORG**. At the conclusion of the time period during which the lottery entries are accepted, a random computer selection will take place from among all the entries. The lottery entries chosen in this random computer selection will be placed on the waiting list in the order in which they are drawn. Only one lottery entry form will be accepted, duplicate entries will be eliminated. Therefore, no one has more than one chance of being selected.

CAN I SUBMIT A PAPER ENTRY FORM FOR THE LOTTERY?

No. Only electronic entries will be accepted. Contact us if you need assistance completing the entry form.

WHAT IF I DON'T OWN A COMPUTER?

Any computer with internet access can be used, whether it belongs to a relative, friend or caseworker. You can also use any available computer at public locations such as public libraries. You can find a list of available public computer locations on the lottery website: **www.DHAVOUCHERS.ORG**

WHERE CAN I FIND A COMPUTER TO USE?

You can find a list of available public computer locations on the lottery website: **www.DHAVOUCHERS.ORG** or on DHA's website: www.durhamhousingauthority.org

WILL MY LOTTERY ENTRY QUALIFY ME FOR THE HCVP?

No. After the lottery closes, the HCVP will conduct a random computer draw of 1500 entries and place them on the waiting list. As vouchers become available, names will be taken from the top of the waiting list and interviews will be scheduled to determine if the applicant is eligible for the HCVP.

HOW MANY ENTRIES CAN I SUBMIT?

Only one entry will be accepted per entrant. Duplicate entries will be eliminated.

DOES IT MATTER WHEN I ENTER THE LOTTERY?

No. The order in which entries are received will not affect your chance of being selected for the waiting list or your placement on it. Every completed entry submitted according to the website's instructions will be entered into the lottery. Selection will be based on a random computerized drawing so all applicants have an equal chance of being selected for the list.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL I NEED TO COMPLETE MY ENTRY?

Lottery entrants will need to provide their date of birth, social security number, address and general income information on the entry forms. It will also be helpful to include the date of birth, social security numbers, and income information for other household members.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM?

Approximately 5-15 minutes, depending on the number of family members in the household.

DOES MY ENTRY GUARANTEE ME A PLACE ON THE VOUCHER WAITING LIST?

No. Your entry is for a chance to be placed on the waiting list, if that entry is pulled in the random computer drawing.

HOW WILL THE LOTTERY WINNERS BE SELECTED?

The winners of the lottery will be selected through a random computer draw from among all entries received while the lottery is open.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY ENTRY IS PICKED IN THE LOTTERY?

The DHA HCVP will send letters to all of the winning entrants advising them that their names have been placed on the waiting list.

What happens if my entry is not picked as a winner?

If your entry is not picked in the lottery, your name will not be placed on the HCVP Waiting List. You are welcome to enter the next lottery.

ONCE ON THE WAITING LIST, WILL I AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A HOUSING VOUCHER?

No, placement on the waiting list doesn't guarantee that you will receive a voucher. As housing vouchers become available, names will be taken from the top of the waiting list and it will be determined if those applicants are eligible for the HCVP. Once determined eligible, those households will receive a voucher.

HOW LONG WILL I WAIT TO BE QUALIFIED AS ELIGIBLE?

It is impossible to estimate the length of time it will take for an applicant on the waiting list to be called in for qualification.