

Housing Resources Guide

If you have criminal charges or evictions through AMHA:

- The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, formerly the Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Program provides rental assistance in connection with matching supportive services. The S+C Program provides a variety of permanent housing choices, accompanied by a range of supportive services funded through other sources.
 - To qualify for this program, you must be homeless and accept case management services from Community Support Services (CSS), Portage Path Behavioral Health, or Community AIDS Network/Akron Pride Initiative (CANAPI). All referrals must go through the Homeless Hotline, (330)615-0577.

Emergency Shelter:

- Haven of Rest
 - 207 East Market Street, Akron, OH 44308
 - (330) 535-1563
 - For men
- Haven of Rest
 - 24 North Prospect Street, Akron, OH 44304
 - (330) 434-1149
 - For women and children
- Access Inc
 - 230 West Market Street, Akron, OH 44303
 - (330) 615-0577
 - For women and children
- Family Promise of Summit County
 - 1100 Copley Road, Akron, OH 44320
 - (330) 615-0577
 - For families
- Go to nearest emergency room if necessary/medical emergency
- Call 211 for other shelters or go to 211summit.org

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If You Have An Income & No Criminal Charges

Instructions for AMHA

1. Go to akronhousing.org
2. Once you are on the website, click the yellow button (top left) that says "Find a Home"
3. After you click on that button, click "Apply for Housing"
4. Fill out application

Other Options

- 211summit.org
 - Look under "Housing" (dark blue button on the right)
 - Tons of different options based on your circumstance (veteran, disabled, families, seniors, etc.)
- summithousingsearch.org
 - This resource is useful to find affordable housing not associated with AMHA

Make sure to have access to ID, Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, and Income Statements

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If You Have NO Income

Instructions

1. Go to akronhousing.org AMHA's website
 2. Once you are on the website, click the yellow button (top left) that says "Find a Home"
 3. After you click on that button, click "Apply for Housing"
 4. Fill out application
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Quickstart Guide

Below you will find a step-by-step description of the process for getting into housing with AMHA.

1	Eligibility is different, depending on the housing program/location. However, ALL applicants must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass a Criminal Background Screening• All previous balances owed to AMHA must be paid in full• Applicant must meet HUD-established income limits. These can be viewed online.
2	Review program types and locations to determine which developments are suitable for your family.
3	Collect the names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and incomes for each member of your household.
4	Complete an on-line application INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE Be sure to request all wait lists that you have identified in your earlier review of our programs to ensure that you have the best possible opportunity for housing.
5	Once you have submitted the preliminary application online, you will be provided with a confirmation number as proof of the date and time of your application.
6	You will be placed on the requested waiting lists, which use Local Preference Points and date/time of application to determine your place in the list.
7	You can check your application status by calling 330-252-9284. You will need your social security number to use this automated system.
8	Once your name nears the top of one or more wait list, you will receive a letter in the mail requesting your attendance at an Eligibility Determination Interview. This letter will include a list of information that you will be required to provide, as well as a date and time of your appointment. All adult household members will be required to attend this appointment.
9	On the date of your interview, AMHA staff will ask you to complete required forms and collect information that will allow us to determine your eligibility for housing.
10	Typically within a month of your interview you will receive a letter in the mail that describes AMHA's decision regarding your eligibility. If you are found ineligible you will be given the right to appeal. If you are found eligible, your wait list status will be updated, and your application will be kept on file until a suitable unit is available.

Food Assistance Guide

- Call 211
- There are some food banks that will deliver if you have a transportation issue - ask 211 for that list
- **Akron - Canton Regional Foodbank**
 - 350 Opportunity Pkwy Akron, OH 44307
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9am to 1pm
 - No referral or appointment needed
 - They can also give you information about other foodbanks if needed
- **First Presbyterian Church**
 - 636 Park Avenue W, Barberton, OH 44203
 - 330-745-2161
 - Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm
- **Barberton Community Ministries**
 - 939 Norton Ave, Barberton, OH 44203
 - 330-745-3693 dsomerville@bacm.org
 - Tuesday & Thursday from 1-5pm

Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance Guide

- **The Summit County Cares program has ended. Please contact 211 for Housing and Utility Assistance.**
- Go to summithelp.org
- Call Catholic Charities
- Call Local Churches

SSI/SSDI Assistance Guide

If you have already applied or have been recently denied:

- Come for a walk in
 - Bring a list of doctors and contact numbers for those doctors
- Google SSI/SSDI lawyers
 - Smith Godios Sorenson, and Balin Law are some examples
 - Fill out contact information
 - They will then contact you and send you a packet to fill out
 - If you need assistance with this paperwork, please come in for a walk in

If you have not yet applied:

- Gather names and contact information for ALL doctors you have
 - Have a list of diagnosis
 - Have a list of dates of treatments
- Once you have your information gathered, come for a walk in or schedule an appointment

90% of people are denied their first time. The more information you have when filing, the better your odds of acceptance.

Obtaining Identifying Documents Guide

ID

- Must have old ID and or Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, and proof of address
- If homeless, we or a shelter manager must fill out proof of Ohio residency form (found on BMV website)
- Go to bmv.ohio.gov
 - click on BMV Locations (top right)
 - type in your zip code to find nearest BMV

Birth Certificate

- In Ohio
 - You can obtain this from County Health Department located at 1867 W. Market St, Akron OH 44313
 - Cost is \$22
- Out of State
 - Google the local county birth records & call or apply online for replacement
 - Or apply on vitalcheck.com
 - Cost ranges from \$25 - 50

Social Security Card

- You must go to the Social Security office with a valid ID to obtain replacement
 - 2 S Main St Akron, OH 44308
 - 2166 Roming Rd Akron, OH 44320

Income Statements

- If you work
 - Most housing/benefits applications need 3-6 months of paystubs
 - Ask your employer or have access to online banking
- If you receive SSI/SSDI
 - Go to Social Security office and ask for income verification statement