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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 and Life Skills workshops

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 \$950 on a 1BDRM unit and 50% of rent up to \$1100 on a 2BDRM unit. Client pays remainder of rent for 1-2 years based on approved educational plan.
- Monthly Coaching and Life Skills workshops

***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 OR transitional age foster youth ages 18-24.
- Live, work or go to school in San Mateo County.
- Have the legal right to work in the United States.
- Have a low income (**under 50% of the median income in San Mateo County for SHARED housing only). **Family of 2=\$64,500; Family of 3=\$72,550; Family of 4=\$80,600; **under 80% of the median income in San Mateo County for non-SHARE – family of 2= \$103,350; family of 3 =\$116,250; family of 4 =\$129,150
- 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 need to bring when they have an appointment to apply to the Self-Sufficiency Program?

- ❑ Driver's License or ID, U.S. Work Permit or Legal Permanent Resident Card
- ❑ Birth Certificate
- ❑ Social security card
- ❑ Resume
- ❑ Bank statement
- ❑ Verification of school enrollment
- ❑ Unofficial transcript from all postsecondary institutions
- ❑ Student Education Plan (SEP) from school counselor
- ❑ List of monthly expenses
- ❑ Substance abuse treatment verification (if applicable)
- ❑ Verification of all income sources (job earnings, cash aid, food stamps, child support, etc.)
- ❑ Recent landlord reference
- ❑ Recent credit score from creditkarma.com

For the children:

- ❑ Birth certificate
- ❑ Social Security Card
- ❑ Verification of school or daycare