

Habitat America, LLC, Management Company
RESIDENT SELECTION CRITERIA
811 PRA Program

Property Name: Merritt Station Apartments
Address: 1420 & 1430 Merritt Boulevard, Dundalk, MD 21222

Effective Date: July 31, 2018
Phone: 410-288-2300 TTY: 711

Thank you for applying to live at our community. This document is provided to explain the process we use to select our residents. Habitat America, LLC is an Equal Housing Opportunity provider. It is our policy to treat all residents and visitors at our properties fairly and consistently without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status. This community and its employees comply with the provisions of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 ("Fair Housing Act") and, to the extent applicable, the Americans with Disabilities Act. Furthermore, this community complies with the State and Local fair housing regulations of the jurisdictions in which it is located.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

This community may be designated for a special population. Applicants must be adults and must meet the restrictions as indicated below in order to proceed with the application process.

Special population restrictions apply to this community: Section 811 PRA program.

Valid identification will be required (photo-copy may be kept on file). All applicants will be required to show proof of age at the time of application. Proof of Age includes but is not limited to U.S. Passport, U.S. Birth Certificate, Social Security Administration Benefits printout and/or Temporary Resident Card, etc. Applicants must disclose social security numbers (SSN) for all family members and submit acceptable documentation as proof. Acceptable documentation is a valid SSN card issued by the Social Security Administration (SSA) or a letter from SSA that a social security number has been assigned, but a card has not yet been issued. This requirement applies to all applicants and family members except those individuals who do not contend eligible immigration status or applicants who are age 62 or older as of January 31, 2010, and whose Social Security initial eligibility began prior to January 31, 2010. United States Code Title 8, subsection 1324 (a) (1) (A) prohibits the harboring of illegal aliens. The provision of housing to illegal aliens is a fundamental component of harboring. All applicants will be required to provide proof of citizenship or legal immigration status.

STUDENTS APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE

HUD has specific regulations concerning students applying for assistance of rent. The definition of a student for this purpose is any person part-time or full-time enrolled in an institution of higher education for the purposes of earning a degree, certificate or other program leading to a recognized educational credential. This community also follows the student regulations written in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. The regulation states that a household comprised of all full time students will not be eligible for this program. There are five exceptions to this rule. For more information concerning student eligibility, contact the Community Manager.

OCCUPANCY STANDARDS

Habitat America, LLC has established occupancy standards to permit the resident to select the apartment size they deem appropriate to their needs while preventing overcrowding and underutilization of the apartment. The occupancy standard is based on 2 persons per bedroom plus one: * Children under the age of 2 are not counted when considering number of household members. No adult members can be added to the household in the first 12 months of occupancy.

Number of Bedrooms	Number of Occupants Allowed
2	5

INCOME REQUIREMENTS

The household's total gross annual income shall not exceed the properties income limits as determined by HUD. All forms of income must be disclosed. Information on the limits is available from the Community Manager; however this community serves applicants at the following income levels: Extremely Low, Very Low, Low.

TAKING APPLICATIONS

The Application:

Each adult (18 years of age or older or emancipated) must complete and sign the Rental Application. An application cannot be processed unless it is fully complete. Applicants must list all members that will reside in the apartment unit and designate the number of bedrooms being requested. If an apartment is not available when the application is submitted, the application will be pre-screened for project eligibility and if eligible, the applicant will remain on the waiting list. The application will be fully screened and verified when an apartment becomes available for occupancy. Once the application is approved and the available unit accepted, the applicant will be required to sign a lease agreement in which applicant agrees to abide by all property rules and regulations. Applicants are encouraged to read the lease agreement completely. If assistance is needed in completing the application or lease documents, contact the Community Manager.

Screening:

A report will be obtained through a commercial credit reporting agency, which complies with all Fair Housing and Fair Credit laws, ensuring every applicant is treated the same. The owner/agent will use the Enterprise Income Verification System to determine if the applicant or any member of the applicant household is currently receiving HUD assistance. Nothing prohibits a HUD housing assistance recipient from applying to this property. However, the applicant must move out of the current property and/or forfeit any voucher before HUD assistance on this property may begin (please also see Single Residence Criteria). Applicant(s) will only be eligible for assistance if the unit will be the family's only residence. Special consideration applies to minor children where both parents share 50% custody. Applicant must be able to establish the necessary utilities with the appropriate utility provider.

Background and criminal record checks will be conducted. An applicant will be denied if:

- Any household member has been evicted from Federally-assisted housing for drug-related criminal activity, or is currently engaging in the illegal use of a drug.
- There is reasonable cause to believe that a household member's abuse or pattern of abuse of alcohol and/or an illegal drug may interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.
- Any household member has a history of drug-related criminal activity including but not limited to possession, usage, distribution, transport, sale, manufacture or storage of illegal drugs and/or drug

paraphernalia, or conviction under any State or Federal laws relating to illegal drugs and/or paraphernalia.

- Any household member is subject to lifetime registration requirements under a State or Federal sex offender registration program.
- Any other criminal history exists that would threaten the health, safety or peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents or the health and safety of the owner, employees, contractors, or agents that are involved in property operations.
- Any information provided by the applicant proves to be untrue during the verification process. These applications will be denied.

Rejection Procedures: If an applicant disputes the accuracy of any information provided to the landlord by a screening service or credit reporting agency, the applicant may contact the screening company that supplied the information within 60 days of the denial to obtain a copy of screening results. The name, address and phone number of the screening company will be provided in the denial letter. The denial letter will advise the applicant that if they believe there are errors in their screening report, they have fourteen (14) days to respond in writing to request an appeal. Applicants who are denied must wait 60 days before reapplying at the community.

SECTION 504

Habitat America, LLC has developed a Section 504 Policy to address all reasonable accommodation requests for persons with disabilities. For more information on reasonable accommodation requests, contact the Community Manager.

MERRITT STATION APARTMENTS

Security Deposit:	Minimum of \$50 to a Maximum of 1 month of tenant's rent
Lease Term:	1 year
Utilities Included:	Water, Sewer and Trash

Income Requirements and Rental Rates:

Total household income will be reviewed and verified for occupancy in our community in accordance with the following maximum and minimum income limits based on family composition. (Limits are subject to change)

Floor Plan	Unit Sq. Ft	Rent Amount	Minimum Income	Max. Inc. HH Size
2 BR 30% 8 units	907	\$1,130	N/A	1 person - \$19,950 2 people - \$22,800 3 people - \$25,650 4 people - \$28,450 5 people - \$30,750
2 BR 50% 3 units	907	\$1,130	N/A	1 person - \$19,950 2 people - \$22,800 3 people - \$25,650 4 people - \$28,450 5 people - \$30,750

Preference:

11 apartments have been set aside for applicants who qualify for HUD's Section 811 PRA Demonstration Program and Applicants must be referred by MDOD. Please contact Christina Bolyard at MDOD 410-767-3647 or at housinginfo.mdod@maryland.gov for more information.

Pet Policy: Dogs, cats, birds, turtles and fish in small aquariums (20 gallons max) are welcome. A maximum of two dogs, cats or birds in any combination are permitted in each apartment with a maximum weight of 100 lbs. total for one full grown pet or two full grown pets combined. A refundable pet deposit of \$200 per pet will be required. Resident may elect to pay the full deposit at move in or pay \$50 at move in and \$10 each month after until deposit is paid in full. Management must see all pets prior to their move in and has the right to deny any pet that may violate the community rules and regulations or be a danger to the Community. Dog and Cat owners are required to present a copy of a current license and proof of current rabies inoculation at move in and annually. Dog owners must purchase and maintain renter's insurance coverage with a minimum of \$500,000 in liability coverage. A copy of the policy renewal must be given to management once a year. The policy must name the following as Certificate Holders: The name of the Community and Habitat America, LLC. This requirement is to protect the dog owner against liability claims in the event their dog causes injury to others. Dogs, specifically, "Pit bulls" or other perceived vicious breeds (including but not limited to Pit bull cross-breeds, Pit bull mix, American Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier) are not permitted on the property at any time. Visiting Pets, puppies / kittens under the age of six (6) months, and other reptiles are not permitted. Management has the right to revoke the privilege of having a pet if the pet policies are violated. Animals which are designated as assistance animals to the disabled are accepted with the appropriate documentation.

Addition Background Requirements:

- Management will review 7 years of drug related criminal activity, felony convictions and history or pattern of misdemeanor convictions. These will be grounds for denial.

Smoking/Fire Risk Reduction Policy: Smoking will not be permitted in the units or anywhere on property grounds. Smoking is defined as carrying or inhaling or exhaling smoke from any lighted cigar, cigarette, e-cigarette, vaporizer, pipe or consumer product modified for smoking or any other lighted tobacco or plant product. Additionally, burning of incense and candles is prohibited to reduce risk of fire. All leaseholders will be required to sign a Non-smoking Lease Addendum agreeing to these rules prior to occupancy.

Violence against Women Act

The VAWA protections apply to families applying for or receiving rental assistance payments under the project-based Section 811 program. The law protects victims of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, as well as their immediate family members generally, from being evicted or being denied housing assistance if an incident of violence that is reported and confirmed. The VAWA also provides that an incident of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence or stalking does not qualify as a serious or repeated violation of the lease nor does it constitute good cause for terminating the assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights of the victim. Further information regarding this act is contained in the Resident Selection Plan.

If you need additional information concerning the Selection Criteria, please see the Community Manager. Please note this Resident Selection Criteria in its entirety is subject to change without notice.

Acknowledgment/Receipt:

By signing below I/We acknowledge that we were given and have received a copy of the Resident Selection Criteria for Merritt Station Apartments Section 811 PRA units. I/We also understand that the property owner may disclose the application status to any agency with program regulations applicable to the community.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Signature

Date

Management

Date

