

# LTRAP Applications Lottery FAQs: 2015.

## 1. How Does The Lottery Work?

LTRAP received 9,623 pre-applications submitted online, between Nov 9, 2015 – Nov 23, 2015. From these pre-applications 3,000 will be selected by a computer-generated random lottery to be placed on the waiting list. The other 6,623 applications will be discarded.

It did not matter on which day you applied (the first, the last or any day in between). It did not matter from what location you applied or what device you used to apply. Every complete, unduplicated pre-application that was submitted had an equal chance in the lottery.

The 3,000 pre-applications selected in the lottery will be reviewed to determine if they meet the threshold eligibility requirements. If they do, they will be placed on the Waiting List. If they do not, the household will receive a letter with the reason it is not eligible, explaining the right to appeal this decision.

After placing the 3,000 pre-applications on the Waiting List in the order they were selected by the lottery, LTRAP will apply the preferences claimed by these households. This will determine the order in which the names are reached on the Waiting List. In short, there are two stages. First, the waiting list is compiled in the order of random lottery selection, without regard to any claimed preferences. Second, the preferences (see #2 below) are applied, and the names are selected from the waiting list in accordance with the preferences claimed by the household, subject to LTRAP verification.

## 2. Once the waiting list is compiled in the order selected by the random lottery, what preference factors determine the order in which my name is selected from that waiting list?

Again, after the 3,000 household names are placed on the Waiting List in the order of the computer-generated random lottery, preferences are applied. A preference moves the household ahead of all households that do not have a preference. All households with preferences are listed first in order of their lottery-generated number. After all households with preferences are listed, all households without preferences are listed, in the order of their lottery-generated number.

LTRAP applies the following preferences in accordance with its Administrative and Annual Plans:

- **RESIDENCY:** Preference is given to applicants who reside, work, or have been hired to work, in Lakewood Township, New Jersey.
- **ASSETS:** There are five asset tiers. The first asset preference tier will be assigned to households with assets of less than \$20,000, plus \$5,000 for each child. The second asset preference tier will be assigned to households with assets of less than \$40,000, plus \$5,000 for each child. The third asset preference tier will be assigned to households with assets of less than \$60,000, plus \$5,000 for each child. The fourth asset preference tier will be assigned to households with assets of less than \$80,000, plus \$5,000 for each child. The fifth asset preference tier will be given to households with assets of less than \$100,000, plus \$5,000 for each child. Households with assets of \$100,000 or more will not be assigned an asset preference tier; however, depending on their household size and level of income, they may still be eligible.
- **ELDERLY/DISABLED/FAMILY:** By federal guidelines, families, as well as disabled, handicapped or elderly single-person households will be given preference over other single-person households. Single people who are neither disabled, elderly, nor handicapped are not entitled to any preference, and will receive assistance after families and/or elderly/disabled/handicapped singles.
- **EXTREMELY-LOW INCOME:** Also by federal guidelines, 75% of all new admissions to the program must be from a targeted group of extremely low-income families. If your income is not extremely-low you may not be helped as soon as someone whose income is extremely-low. HUD defines very low-income as below 50% of AMI (Area Median Income) and extremely low-income as below 30% of AMI. The following are the income limits for Ocean County, NJ by household size:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Very Low-Income</u>	<u>Extremely Low-Income</u>
1	\$32,100	\$19,250
2	\$36,700	\$22,000
3	\$41,300	\$24,750
4	\$45,850	\$27,500
5	\$49,550	\$29,700
6	\$53,200	\$32,570
7	\$56,900	\$36,730
8	\$60,550	\$40,890

Preferences are verified at the time the household's name is reached and invited for an interview. Please consult these FAQs periodically, as these figures are revised and updated by HUD at least annually.

### **3. How Do I Find Out if I Was Chosen in The Lottery?**

Once the random lottery has been completed, on or about December 7, 2015, you can find out if your application was among the 3,000 selected for the Waiting List, by going online to [www.waitlistcheck.com](http://www.waitlistcheck.com)

You will need the following information to check if your application was selected for the Waiting List:

1. *The email address you used when submitting your application.*
2. *The password you entered when submitting your application.*

Once you enter the information, you will be notified of your number, if any, on the Waiting List.

### **4. How Do I Update My Information?**

Households that are on the Waiting List are required to keep all their information current. To do this, households must submit all changes in writing either **by mail** to 600 West Kennedy Blvd, Lakewood, NJ 08701, or by email to [info@ltrap.org](mailto:info@ltrap.org). The following is a partial list of changes that must be reported.

- Change in mailing address;
- Change in email address and/or phone numbers;
- Changes in: income, assets, and family composition.

It is extremely important for households to keep their information current. When the household's name comes to the top of the Waiting List, LTRAP will send a letter inviting the family to an eligibility interview. LTRAP will use the address listed on file. Failure to keep a current mailing address could result in missing the opportunity to receive housing assistance.

### **5. How Will I Know When My Name is reached on the Waiting List?**

When your name comes to the top of the Waiting List, you will be invited to an eligibility interview.

### **6. What Will I Need To Bring To My Eligibility Interview?**

You will need to bring the following documents to that appointment:

- Birth Certificates for all family members.
- Social Security cards for all family members.
- Proof of eligible immigration status or citizenship status for all family members not born in the United States.
- Proof of all forms of income. Examples include but are not limited to: Employment check stubs, Social Security or SSI Award letters, Pension award letters, TANF award letters, Bank Statements for all accounts, etc.

You will not need to provide any of this information until you are invited to the Eligibility Interview.

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