

SECTION 3 PREFERENCE

Under **Section 3** of the HUD Act of 1968, wherever HUD financial assistance is expended for housing or community development, to the greatest extent feasible, economic opportunities will be given to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns, which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

Who are Section 3 residents?

Section 3 residents are:

- **Public housing residents**
- Low and very-low income persons who live in the metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county where a HUD-assisted project for housing or community development is located. Low income is defined as 80% or below the median income of that area. Very low income is defined as 50% or below the median income of that area.

How Do I Apply for employment with the Athens Housing Authority?

The Athens Housing Authority advertises for open positions by posting job opportunities in the lobby of the AHA and in the employment ads of the Athens Banner Herald. Applications for employment are **only** accepted when open positions are available and at no other times. Applications may be obtained at our main office Reception Desk. **Complete the employment application, along with the Section 3 Self-Certification Form below. Then return the entire, completed application package as directed.**

ALL residents of Athens Housing Authority qualify as Section 3 residents. Additionally, individuals residing in the City of Athens, Georgia who meet the income limits set forth below can also qualify for Section 3 status.

A picture identification card and proof of current residency is required.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINE		
NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD	VERY LOW INCOME	LOW INCOME
1	\$22,700	\$36,300
2	\$25,950	\$41,450
3	\$29,200	\$46,650
4	\$32,400	\$51,800
5	\$35,000	\$55,950
6	\$37,600	\$60,100
7	\$40,200	\$65,250
8	\$42,800	\$68,400

SECTION 3 SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM

Certification for Public Housing Residents or other Section 3 Residents of Athens, Georgia

I, _____, am legal resident of the United States and meet the income eligibility and federal guidelines for a Section 3 Person or Business.

My home/business address is:

MUST be a street address

Apartment Number

Community Name

City

State

Zip

Home/Office #

Cell #

I am certifying as a Section 3 Person seeking employment

(Check all that apply):

I am a public housing or section 8 Lease holder

I live in public housing but not on the lease

I live in the area of public housing

I certify that all of the information given above is true and correct. If found to be inaccurate, I understand that I may be disqualified as an applicant and/or a certified Section 3 individual which may be grounds for termination of training, employment or contract that resulted from this certification.

Signature _____

Date: _____

In order to demonstrate that you meet the definition of a low-or very low-income person, please provide one of the following with your certification:

1. Proof of residency in a public housing development; (this can be a copy of any current dated bill or other legal document showing your address)
2. A copy of your section 8 voucher certificate or voucher;
3. Evidence of your eligibility or participation in a federally-assisted program for low- and very low-income persons (e.g. Jobs, JTPA, Job Corps, etc);
4. Evidence of your eligibility or participation in a State or Local Assistance Program for low- or very low-income persons or receipt of AFDC;
5. Income tax records.