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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 with clearly defined education and career goals. With this support, families 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 a large family home –

- 1½-2 years
- Single-parent families only
- Client shares a 3-6-bedroom home with 1 or 2 other families
- Client pays \$100 per room in monthly rent
- Monthly Coaching and Life Skills workshops

Housing Scholarship for an individual apartment-

- 1-2 years
- Single OR two-parent families
- Client rents their own home in a partner affordable housing unit or a below market rate HIP Housing property and/or (on limited basis) the open market
- HIP pays: 50% of rent up to \$950 and client pays 50% for 1-2 years based on approved education plan
- Monthly Coaching and Life Skills workshops

### **Who qualifies?**

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be over 18 or an emancipated minor.
- Be a parent with minor children (under the age of 18) living with them.
- 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).  
\*\*Family of 2=\$52,650; Family of 3=\$59,250; Family of 4=\$65,800; Family of 5=\$71,100
- Be clean & sober for at least 6 months (if in recovery).
- Be registered for, enrolled in, or have recently completed vocational training or an education program.
- Applicant's education or training program will be completed within 1 to 5 years
- Applicant's education or training program will increase earning power and lead to a career that will allow the family to be financially self-sufficient.

***(see back page for more)***

***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/completion
- ❑ 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](http://creditkarma.com)

*For the children:*

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