

Housing Incentive Fund (HIF) Full-Time Student Eligibility

At the time of move-in, student status must be verified. If all household occupants are full-time students, the household is not HIF-eligible. The determination of student status as full- or part-time should be based on the criteria used by the educational institution the student is attending. Part-time student status should be verified with the educational institution. If one household member is a part-time student and all other household members are full-time students, the household is eligible. This definition includes students attending school online and/or in person.

An educational organization is one that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has an enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly carried on. The term "educational organization" includes elementary schools, junior and senior high schools, colleges, universities and technical, trade and mechanical schools. It does not include on-the-job training courses.

Exceptions: There are exceptions to the full-time student rule:

- A. A student receiving assistance under Title IV of the Social Security Act, (TANF). Verification would be a TANF award letter.
- B. A student enrolled in a job training program receiving assistance under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 (which superseded the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, which superseded the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982) or under other similar federal, state, or local laws. Verification would be a copy of the assistance award letter.
- C. The student was previously under the care and placement responsibility of the state agency responsible for administering a plan under Title IV of the Social Security Act (i.e. foster care). Verification would be a foster care paperwork from social services. Or entirely by full-time students if such students are:
- D. Single parents with children, all of whom are students, and such parents and children are not dependents of another individual and are not dependents of another individual other than a parent of such children. Verification would be a copy of the tax return or divorce decree.
- E. Married and filing a joint return or are entitled to file a joint return. Verification would be a copy of their tax return or marriage certificate. This includes same-sex marriages, married in any state, that would meet the married and filing a joint return exception.