



HOUSING DIVISION

NAME : _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # : _____

Please **read carefully** and complete the attached **PRE-APPLICATION**
When completed call your Local Ozark Action Outreach Office to schedule an appointment to complete your application.

- **Gather all documentation required (for all persons living in the household):**
 1. Social Security Cards for everyone in the household or letter from Social Security
 2. Birth Certificates issued by the state where you were born
(for newborns under 8 weeks old, live birth record from the hospital)
 3. Proof of all income coming into the household. This includes wages, unemployment, Social Security, pensions, child support, self-employment, gifts, etc.
 4. Proof of all assets in the household
 5. Proof of any real estate
 6. Proof of checking, savings, certificate of deposit, stocks and bonds
- **Complete all required attached documents for all persons living in the household (anyone 18 years of age or older must sign for themselves)**
 1. Authorization for release of Information/Privacy Act Notice (HUD-9886)
 2. Release of Information
 3. Declaration of Section 214 Status (parent or guardian must sign for each minor)
- **A *LETTER OF GOOD STANDING* from any housing agency or public housing agency that you have received rental assistance (does not matter how long ago)**

Please call the office listed below to make an appointment.

OZARK ACTION OFFICE

PHONE NUMBER

We “DO NOT” serve inside the city limits of **WEST PLAINS OR CABOOL**

Authorization for the Release of Information/ Privacy Act Notice

to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA)

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 2501-0014

exp. 07/31/2017

PHA requesting release of information; **(Cross out space if none)**
(Full address, name of contact person, and date)

IHA requesting release of information; **(Cross out space if none)**
(Full address, name of contact person, and date)

Authority: Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by Section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and Section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. This law is found at 42 U.S.C. 3544.

This law requires that you sign a consent form authorizing: (1) HUD and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA) to request verification of salary and wages from current or previous employers; (2) HUD and the HA to request wage and unemployment compensation claim information from the state agency responsible for keeping that information; (3) HUD to request certain tax return information from the U.S. Social Security Administration and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The law also requires independent verification of income information. Therefore, HUD or the HA may request information from financial institutions to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

Purpose: In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD and the above-named HA to request income information from the sources listed on the form. HUD and the HA need this information to verify your household's income, in order to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. HUD and the HA may participate in computer matching programs with these sources in order to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

Uses of Information to be Obtained: HUD is required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. HUD may disclose information (other than tax return information) for certain routine uses, such as to other government agencies for law enforcement purposes, to Federal agencies for employment suitability purposes and to HAs for the purpose of determining housing assistance. The HA is also required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with any applicable State privacy law. HUD and HA employees may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of the income information that is obtained based on the consent form. **Private owners may not request or receive information authorized by this form.**

Who Must Sign the Consent Form: Each member of your household who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the household or whenever members of the household become 18 years of age.

Persons who apply for or receive assistance under the following programs are required to sign this consent form:

- PHA-owned rental public housing
- Turnkey III Homeownership Opportunities
- Mutual Help Homeownership Opportunity
- Section 23 and 19(c) leased housing
- Section 23 Housing Assistance Payments
- HA-owned rental Indian housing
- Section 8 Rental Certificate
- Section 8 Rental Voucher
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

Failure to Sign Consent Form: Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to the HA's grievance procedures and Section 8 informal hearing procedures.

Sources of Information To Be Obtained

State Wage Information Collection Agencies. (This consent is limited to wages and unemployment compensation I have received during period(s) within the last 5 years when I have received assisted housing benefits.)

U.S. Social Security Administration (HUD only) (This consent is limited to the wage and self employment information and payments of retirement income as referenced at Section 6103(I)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

U.S. Internal Revenue Service (HUD only) (This consent is limited to unearned income [i.e., interest and dividends].)

Information may also be obtained directly from: (a) current and former employers concerning salary and wages and (b) financial institutions concerning unearned income (i.e., interest and dividends). I understand that income information obtained from these sources will be used to verify information that I provide in determining eligibility for assisted housing programs and the level of benefits. Therefore, this consent form only authorizes release directly from employers and financial institutions of information regarding any period(s) within the last 5 years when I have received assisted housing benefits.

Consent: I consent to allow HUD or the HA to request and obtain income information from the sources listed on this form for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under HUD's assisted housing programs. I understand that HAs that receive income information under this consent form cannot use it to deny, reduce or terminate assistance without first independently verifying what the amount was, whether I actually had access to the funds and when the funds were received. In addition, I must be given an opportunity to contest those determinations.

This consent form expires 15 months after signed.

Signatures:

_____	_____		
Head of Household	Date		
_____		_____	_____
Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household		Other Family Member over age 18	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Spouse	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date

Privacy Act Notice. Authority: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19). The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543) requires applicants and participants to submit the Social Security Number of each household member who is six years old or older. Purpose: Your income and other information are being collected by HUD to determine your eligibility, the appropriate bedroom size, and the amount your family will pay toward rent and utilities. Other Uses: HUD uses your family income and other information to assist in managing and monitoring HUD-assisted housing programs, to protect the Government's financial interest, and to verify the accuracy of the information you provide. This information may be released to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant, and to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators and prosecutors. However, the information will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. Penalty: You must provide all of the information requested by the HA, including all Social Security Numbers you, and all other household members age six years and older, have and use. Giving the Social Security Numbers of all household members six years of age and older is mandatory, and not providing the Social Security Numbers will affect your eligibility. Failure to provide any of the requested information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

Penalties for Misusing this Consent:

HUD, the HA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, the HA or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form.

Use of the information collected based on the form HUD 9886 is restricted to the purposes cited on the form HUD 9886. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD, the HA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.

**HOWELL COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY
c/o OZARK ACTION, INC, P.O. BOX 588
WEST PLAINS, MO 65775**

Release of Information

I/we consent to allow HUD or Ozark Action, Inc. (Howell County PHA) to request and obtain and/or release any information pertinent to my/our eligibility for housing assistance benefits.

Information to be obtained and verified will be limited to information deemed necessary to determine eligibility and benefit amount for rental assistance programs. This information includes income, assets, expenses, and deductions. This information can be obtained from any employer, bank or financial institution, state or federal agency, schools and educational institutions, medical service and/or products providers, law enforcement official (concerning drug & alcohol-related activities and/or criminal activity) or any other source deemed necessary to verify housing eligibility information and/or calculate assistance.

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HOUSEHOLD MEMBER (Print)	SOCIAL SEC. #	SIGNATURE	DATE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

DECLARATION OF CITIZENSHIP STATUS (SECTION 214)

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS AND TENANTS:

In order to be eligible to receive the housing assistance you seek, you, as an applicant or current recipient of housing assistance, must be lawfully within the U.S. Please read the Declaration statements carefully, check that which applies to you, and sign and return the document to the Housing Authority Office. Please feel free to consult with an immigration lawyer or other immigration expert of your choosing.

I, _____, certify, under penalty of perjury 1/, that, to the best of my knowledge, I am lawfully within the United States because (please check the appropriate box):

- () I am a citizen by birth, a naturalized citizen or a national of the United States; or
- () I have eligible immigration status and I am 62 years of age or older. Attach evidence of proof of age 2/; or
- () I have eligible immigration status as checked below (see reverse side of this form for explanations). Attach INS document(s) evidencing eligible immigration status and a signed verification consent form.
 - () Immigrant status under §101(a)(15) or 101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) 3/; or
 - () Permanent residence under §249 of INA 4/; or
 - () Refugee, asylum, or conditional entry status under §§207, 208, or 203 of the INA 5/; or
 - () Parole status under §§212(d)(5) of the INA 6/; or
 - () Threat to life or freedom under §243(h) of the INA 7/; or
 - () Amnesty under §245 of the INA 8/.

(Signature of Family Member)

(Date)

- () Check box if signature is of adult residing in the unit who is responsible for child named on statement above.

FOR HA ONLY: INS/SAVE Primary Verification #: _____ Date: _____

1/ **Warning:** 18 U.S.C. 1001 provides, among other things, that whoever knowingly and willfully makes or uses a document or writing containing any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States, shall be fined not more than \$10,000, imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

The following footnotes pertain to noncitizens who declare eligible immigration status in one of the following categories:

- 2/ **Eligible immigration status and 62 years of age or older.** For noncitizens who are 62 years of age or older or who will be 62 years of age or older and receiving assistance under a Section 214 covered program on June 19, 1995. If you are eligible and elect to select this category, you must include a document providing evidence of proof of age. No further documentation of eligible immigration status is required.
- 3/ **Immigrant status under §§101(a)(15) or 101(a)(a)(20) of INA.** A noncitizen lawfully admitted for permanent residence, as defined by §101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as an immigrant, as defined by §101(a)(15) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(20) and 1101(a)(15), respectively [*immigrant status*]. This category includes a noncitizen admitted under §§210 or 210A of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1160 or 1161), [*special agricultural worker status*], who has been granted lawful temporary resident status.
- 4/ **Permanent residence under §249 of INA.** A noncitizen who entered the U.S. before January 1, 1972, or such later date as enacted by law, and has continuously maintained residence in the U.S. since then, and who is not ineligible for citizenship, but who is deemed to be lawfully admitted for permanent residence as a result of an exercise of discretion by the Attorney General under §249 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1259) [*amnesty granted under INA 249*].
- 5/ **Refugee, asylum, or conditional entry status under §§207, 208 or 203 of INA.** A noncitizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. pursuant to an admission under §207 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1157) [*refugee status*]; pursuant to the granting of asylum (which has not been terminated) under §208 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1158 [*asylum status*]; or as a result of being granted conditional entry under §203(a)(7) of the INA (U.S.C. 1153 (a)(7)) before April 1, 1980, because of persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion or because of being uprooted by catastrophic national calamity [*conditional entry status*].
- 6/ **Parole status under §212(d)(5) of INA.** A noncitizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. as a result of an exercise of discretion by the Attorney General for emergent reasons or reasons deemed strictly in the public interest under §212(d)(5) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) [*parole status*].
- 7/ **Threat to life or freedom under §243(h) of INA.** A noncitizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. as a result of the Attorney General's withholding deportation under §243(h) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1253(h) [*threat to life or freedom*].
- 8/ **Amnesty under §245A of INA.** A noncitizen lawfully admitted for temporary or permanent residence under §245A of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1255a) [*amnesty granted under INA 245A*].

Instructions to Housing Authority: Following verification of status claimed by persons declaring eligible immigration status (other than for noncitizens age 62 or older and receiving assistance on June 19, 1995), HA must enter INS/SAVE Verification Number and date that it was obtained. A HA signature is not required.

Instructions to Family Member For Completing Form: On opposite page, print or type first name, middle initial(s), and last name. Place an "X" or "√" in the appropriate boxes. Sign and date at bottom of page. Place an "X" or "√" in the box below the signature if the signature is by the adult residing in the unit who is responsible for Child.

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FOR HA ONLY: INS/SAVE Primary Verification #: _____ Date: _____

HOWELL COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY
Equal Opportunity Housing Agency

Ozark Action, Inc.
710 East Main
West Plains, MO 65775

Date _____

To whom it may concern:

_____, Social Security # _____ has applied for rental assistance with our agency. He/she stated on the application that he/she had previously participated in your program.

This letter is requesting information pertaining to the applicants status at the time he/she left your program. Please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it by mail or fax to _____

By my signature below I am authorizing and requesting the release of this information.

Applicant signature & date _____

I hereby verify that _____

1. Is currently participating with our agency and is in **GOOD STANDING**.
2. Previously participated in our program and left in **GOOD STANDING**.
3. **DID NOT** leave our program in Good Standing.
4. We have no record of previous participation, or the records are not accessible.

Comments: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Title _____

Phone # _____

PHA _____