
SELECTION CRITERIA (RANKING)

The Osage Nation Housing Program will maintain a waiting list for Homeownership assistance that is separate and apart from any other service provided by the Program. The list will be comprised of applicants for Homeownership assistance who have been determined to be eligible. All eligible applicants will be placed on the waiting list in order of priority. Within each priority group, applicants will ranked according to chronology, with the oldest application taking precedence.

The waiting list shall be updated on a continual basis as new applications are presented and/or current applicants recertify or update their application information. It is the responsibility of each applicant to update their application as information changes. Applicants are required to update their applications, or recertify, at least annually. Applicants who fail to update their application annually will become inactive and removed from the waiting list.

Housing Program staff will notify waiting list applicants ten (10) business days prior to the date of annual recertification, and ten (10) business days after the annual recertification date has passed. Finally, Housing Program staff will notify waiting list applicants twenty (20) business days after the annual recertification date has passed to ensure that the Osage Housing Program has done all it can to keep eligible applicants from losing their place on the waiting list.

Eligible applicants may only be removed from the Homeownership waiting list for failure to provide an annual recertification or because the applicant requests, in writing, to be removed from the waiting list.

Ranking on the waiting list will be determined by the number of points earned as follows:

- Age ranking one (1) point for each year over the age of 54
- Disability/handicap 0% - 50% disability = 5 points
51% - 100% = 10 points
- Veteran status 20 points
- Osage preference 30 points
- Family size 1 point for each person in the household
- Single parent 5 points No other adults in the household
- Overcrowded 5 points

Ranking points may fluctuate from year to year due to changes in family structure and/or status unless the applicant has previously received services from Osage Nation Homeownership assistance. When an applicant has received past Homeownership assistance services, thirty (30) points will be deducted from the total ranking points earned by the applicant.

Those applicants with an equal number of ranking points will appear on the waiting list in the order in which their completed application was received.