

## Things to Collect:

- Birth Certificates
- Valid Colorado Driver's License and ID for all applicants 18+
- Social Security cards
- Proof of income
- Sample Application
- Letters of recommendation from previous landlords
- Letters of explanation (evictions, criminal history, etc.)

## Things to Consider:

- Know your price range. What is the maximum you can pay in rent each month? Is there any way you can raise that amount by cutting down on other costs?
- Know your eviction and criminal history, and be prepared to write a letter of explanation
- Keep an open mind. The more flexible you are, the more options there are so you can get into housing faster

## Tips while looking:

- Get your name on every wait list possible no matter how long it is
- Apply for all section 8 wait list openings
- Check back regularly with landlords on wait lists you're already on
- Document all the phone calls you make and with whom you speak
- Keep an up to date mailing address and phone number. Update landlords on any changes to these
- Set a goal for applications to complete each day or week

## Resources:

- Websites:
  - [www.socialserve.com](http://www.socialserve.com)
  - <http://www.apartmentguyz.com/>
  - [www.roomster.com](http://www.roomster.com)
  - [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com)
- Colorado Coalition for the Homeless – <http://www.coloradocoalition.org/>  
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