How to apply for rentals with a housing voucher:

Voucher-holders are protected from source of income discrimination, which means a landlord cannot deny you housing just because you will be paying using a voucher or other government benefits.

It is illegal for a landlord to tell you they do not accept housing vouchers, and it is illegal to charge you additional fees because you are using a voucher.

TIPS ON APPLYING FOR HOUSING

Do not tell the landlord you have a voucher until after you have confirmed the price, application criteria, and scheduled a tour in writing.

When you tell the landlord you have a voucher, give them a copy of the Office for Human Rights Guidance about Source of Income Discrimination in Housing. You can find this document online at bit.ly/sourceofincomeDC

Landlords cannot ask you about credit issues, late rent, or unpaid rent that happened before you had a voucher. They also cannot ask you about your income, credit score, or lack of a credit score.

Have you experienced Source of Income Discrimination? Contact NLSP today! Call (202) 832-6577 or visit nlsp.org