

APPLICATION QUALIFICATION CRITERIA – EVANGELINE VILLAGE

Effective 5/2026

Our community supports The Fair Housing Act as amended, prohibiting discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability. Please note that these are our current rental criteria; nothing contained in these requirements shall constitute a guarantee or representation that all residents and occupants currently residing at this community have met these requirements. There may be residents and occupants that have resided at this community prior to these requirements going into effect; additionally, our ability to verify whether these requirements have been met is limited to the information we receive from various resident credit reporting services used. A complete and signed application from all proposed occupants over the age of 18 must be submitted. Please review this information before completing the application and paying the application screening fee, which is nonrefundable. Falsification of information on the application will result in denial of residency and loss of security deposit as liquidated damages for our time and expense. The Development will comply with state and federal fair housing and antidiscrimination laws; including, but not limited to, consideration of reasonable accommodations requested to complete the application process. Screening criteria will be applied in a manner consistent with all applicable laws, including the Federal Fair Housing Acts, the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, program guidelines, and the Department’s rules. Specific animal, breed, number, weight restrictions, pet rules, and pet deposits will not apply to households having qualified service/assistance animals.

IDENTIFICATION**

All applicants must present a valid driver's license or other government-issued photo identification and one of the following:

- United States government issued Social Security number;
- Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record;
- Temporary resident alien card verifying approved entry by the United States government (I-94W);
- I-551 Permanent Resident Card (Alien Registration Receipt Card);
- Form I-688 Temporary Resident Card;
- Form I-688A Employment Authorization Card.

AGE/OCCUPANT

- Lease holder(s) must be at least 18 years of age or older, unless head of household.
- All occupants 18 years or older are required to apply and qualify under the Criminal History criteria and must not have any automatic rejections.
- All occupants 18 years or older are required to be screened under Income/Credit Criteria unless they are legal dependents as indicated on the most recent federal or state income tax form or a Live-in Caregiver as defined by HUD regulations.

HOPA-This property operates as Housing for Older Persons under the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 as amended (HOPA), and in accordance with the LURA, all household members must be 55 years or older.

INCOME AND RENT/EARNINGS RATIO **

- All applicants must have a verifiable income source through check stubs, W2s, income tax return, proof of government payments/court ordered income or letter from employer (If paystubs and Employment Verification are not available).
- Gross monthly income of household must be **2 times** monthly resident paid portion of rental income less any concessions or incentives.
- If more than 1 applicant, at least 1 applicant must meet the Income/Credit Criteria and Applicants may qualify with combined income/rent/earnings ratio.
- If applicant's income is not sufficient, a guarantor may be required.
- Household Student Status may impact household eligibility. Full time student households must meet an exception as outlined in LIHTC guidelines to qualify.
 - At least one member of the household receives assistance under Title IV of the Social Security Act, i.e. TANF payments.
 - At least one member of the household is currently enrolled in a job-training program that receives assistance under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) or is funded by a state or local public agency.
 - The head of household is a single parent with children and neither the parent nor the children is the dependent of another individual.
 - At least one member of the household is married and filing a joint federal tax return. A married couple that is entitled to file a joint tax return, but has not filed one, still satisfies the exception under IRC 42(i)(3)(D)(ii)(II).
 - At least one student was under the care and placement responsibility of the state agency responsible for administering foster care.
- This property is governed by the IRS Section 42, LIHTC program. According to LIHTC guidelines, household income may not exceed the following:

MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME FOR RENT RESTRICTED APARTMENT HOMES (5/2026)

	1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people
50% AMI	\$31,650	\$36,150	\$40,650	\$45,150	\$48,800	\$52,400
60% AMI	\$37,980	\$43,380	\$48,780	\$54,180	\$58,560	\$62,880

EMPLOYMENT/JOB STABILITY (current and previous) **

- If retired or not employed, applicant must produce bank statements sufficient to meet minimum income requirements and pass income, credit and criminal criteria.
- If self-employed, applicant must produce bank statements sufficient to meet minimum income requirements.

CREDIT RATINGS (Excluding student loans and medical accounts)

- Applicants with a Credit Risk of **Severe** will automatically be declined.
- An applicant with a Credit Risk Result of the following categories will be required to pay a security deposit equal to ½ month's rent plus the standard security deposit.
 - **Limited Established Credit, No Established Credit, High Credit Risk**
- The standard deposit for a 1 bedroom is \$150.00
- If more than one applicant, at least one applicant must meet the Income/Credit Criteria
- The presence of utility collection accounts within the last 36 months will result in a denial.
- Any bankruptcies in the previous 36 months must be discharged and a debtor's list presented.
- Foreclosure history in the past 24 months may be allowed with a security deposit equal to ½ month's rent plus the standard security deposit or guarantor so long as there is clean rental or no rental history since the filing.

RENTAL HISTORY

- Previous rental history is not required. However, if you have rental history, the following will be verified for eligibility: Timely rental payments are required. Tenant complaints, unpaid unit damages, and early lease terminations without payment, as noted by the previous landlord, will be not be eligible.
- Verification must be by apartment community or organization. It cannot be made by an individual unless proof of payments on a timely basis can be made.
- If a former landlord reference will not release reference for the applicant due to a lease violation, the application is automatically rejected.
- Balances owed to prior landlords/apartment communities within the last 36 months will automatically be denied.
- An eviction will result in automatic denial.
- Mortgage - must be verifiable via credit report or formal written documentation of home ownership.

GUARANTORS - Guarantor must complete and sign a Lease Contract Guaranty. Guarantor must reside in the United States. Guarantors must not have any automatic rejections and need to qualify showing income of 5x monthly rent and have a Credit Risk of at least Moderate.

REJECTED APPLICATIONS: Our 3rd party reporting services will mail a written notification of the grounds for rejection within seven (7) days of the determination to any rejected or ineligible applicant/household that completed the application process. The written notification will include the specific reason for the denial and reference the specific leasing criteria upon which the denial is based. Additionally, rejection letters will include contact information for any third parties that provided the information on which the rejection was based. Denied applicants are eligible to apply again for reconsideration 60 (sixty) days after initial denial.

Upon request, the contact information of Evangeline Village's third party screening company will be provided.

RECERTIFICATIONS

Per LIHTC Guidelines, Evangeline Village tenants must obtain and perform an annual recertification after initial move in consisting of household composition, student status, and change of income should we request. At the time of recertification, change in income may be received for consideration re-designation of the household whether to increase or lower set aside rents based on the county's current income limits. Should anyone request a change of their unit designation; they must be on the community waiting list. Please see our Waiting List Policy on page 4 for further details. Annual recertifications are required to perform; if anyone should deny to participate, per LIHTC Guidelines you will be out of compliance at that time and may be considered for a non-renewal.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

A criminal background check will be conducted for each applicant and occupant age 18 years or more. The application will be denied for any of the following reported criminal related reasons (including but not limited to conviction or probation) that have occurred within the timeline identified below prior to the application date regardless of the applicant's age at the time the offense was committed. All records are evaluated from the date of disposition.

This requirement does not constitute a guarantee or representation that residents or occupants currently residing in our community have not been convicted of or subject to deferred adjudication for a felony, certain misdemeanors or sex offenses requiring registration under applicable law; there may be residents or occupants that have resided in the community prior to this requirement going into effect; additionally, our ability to verify this information is limited to the information made available to us by our third party reporting services used. All criminal background checks are through state and federal public records.

CRIMINAL HISTORY Cont.

Application will be automatically denied for any of the following, felony or misdemeanor, regardless of time:

- All sex-related felonies
- Organized Crime
- Homicide
- Kidnapping
- Assault and Battery
- Terrorism-related offenses, including Weapons related II
- All VCAP offenses
- Applicant or occupant appears on the list of known terrorists and wanted fugitives as provided by the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC), federal agencies to include the FBI or other state and local law enforcement agencies
- Felony DWI/DUI + or DUI/DWI Resulting in Bodily Harm

Application will be automatically denied for the following misdemeanors/felonies that have occurred within the designated number of years of the application date:

- Sex Misdemeanors 7
- Traffic Felony 7
- Theft by Check Felony 7 Felony; Misdemeanor 3
- Drug Offenses III-VII 10 Felony; Misdemeanor 3
- Weapon Related Offenses I 10 Felony; Misdemeanor 7
- Theft Larceny 10 Felony; Misdemeanor 3
- Property felonies 15 Felony; Misdemeanor 3
- Harassment 10 Felony; Misdemeanor 7
- Crimes against animals 10 Felony; Misdemeanor 3
- Cyber Crimes 10 Felony; Misdemeanor 7
- Fraud 10 Felony; Misdemeanor 7
- Arson 15 Felony; Misdemeanor 3
- Embezzlement 15 Felony; Misdemeanor 3
- Trespassing 15 Felony; Misdemeanor 3

Depending on the nature of the criminal related offense's risk to resident safety and property, Management will use its discretion in considering an applicant whose criminal background check shows any felonious offenses not already listed above that have occurred within seven (7) years prior to the application date.

Depending on the nature of the criminal related offense's risk to resident safety and property, Management will use its discretion in considering an applicant whose criminal background check shows any misdemeanor offenses not already listed above that have occurred within three (3) years prior to the application date.

Depending on the circumstances, applications may be rejected based on criminal records falling outside or beyond the timelines set forth above.

Management will conduct an individualized assessment of the criminal record and its impact on the household's suitability for admission. This individualized assessment will include consideration of the following factors:

- A. The seriousness of the case, especially with respect to how it would affect other residents;
- B. The effects that denial of admission may have on other members of the family who were not involved in the action or failure;
- C. The age of the household member at the time of the offense;
- D. The extent of participation or culpability of individual family members, including whether the culpable family member is a minor or a person with disabilities, or a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- E. The length of time since the violation occurred, with particular weight being given to significant periods of good behavior, as well as the family's recent history, and the likelihood of favorable conduct in the future;
- F. Evidence of the applicant family's participation in or willingness to participate in social service or other appropriate counseling service programs;
- G. Evidence of rehabilitation, such as employment, participation in a job training program, education, participation in a drug or alcohol treatment program, or recommendations from a parole or probation officer, employer, teacher, social worker, or community leader; and
- H. Tenancy supports or other risk mitigation services the applicant will be receiving during tenancy.

OCCUPANCY GUIDELINES - The maximum number of residents permitted to dwell in an apartment is 2 occupants per bedroom exclusive of 1 occupant under the age of 24 months in a unit that provides all occupants with more than 120 sq. ft. of usable floor area in a bedroom or other habitable room and 120 sq. ft. of usable floor area in a living room.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION POLICY:

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act, this property will grant qualified reasonable accommodations and modifications upon request to all applicants and residents. The requests will be responded to within 14 calendar days of receipt. Management is obligated to offer qualified applicant and residents with disabilities additional consideration in the application of rules, practices, services, and structural alterations if such allowances will enable equal opportunity to access and enjoy housing. However, management is not required to make accommodations or modifications that will result in a financial burden to the property, is a structurally impracticable alteration, requires the removal of a load bearing wall, or if it requires management to alter or change a fundamental component of the housing program.

DEFINING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Section 504 regulations define an individual with a disability as any person who has a physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such an impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment [24 CFR 8.3]. Major life activities include walking, talking, hearing, seeing, breathing, learning, performing manual tasks, and caring for oneself.

SECTION 504/REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PROCEDURES:

An individual with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation during the application process and anytime during residency. Requests will be responded to within 14 calendar days of receipt. Individuals with a disability wishing to request a reasonable accommodation to complete the application process should contact the management office. All reasonable requests will be considered.

ANIMALS – This property does not allow pets. Qualified service animals are permitted and are not subject to the community’s policies regarding pet restrictions.

APPLICATION SCREENING FEE – A non-refundable application fee will be charged to each applicant/applicant 18 years of age or older. Applications are accepted written or on property website online. Applicants may pick up an application located at 415 N. Domingue Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70506 or apply online at www.evangelinevillage.com. The property may be contacted by phone 337-989-1719 or email evangelinevillage@sandalwoodmgt.com

Note: Sandalwood Management screening reports are valid for 60 days. If your screening report is over 60 days old from the date you pay your screening fee to your anticipated move-in date, your screening will be run again to ensure screening requirements are still met; however, you will not be charged a screening fee again. In addition, you will be required to fill out another Application to ensure we have your current information.

SECURITY DEPOSIT FEE - A refundable security deposit will be charged upon approval of your application and must be paid prior to move-in. In the event that there is a signed lease in place, and you fail to move in, this deposit immediately becomes non-refundable and will be retained by the property and management company.

WAITING LIST - Property waiting list remains open at all times. Applicants are encouraged to apply to be placed on the property waiting list when a desired or appropriate apartment is not available at the time of application. Applicants must complete an application and pay the appropriate application fees. Applicants of both set-asides are selected from the waiting list based on a first come-first served basis. There are no regulatory preferences for this property. In addition, when an accessible unit becomes vacant, Management before offering such units to a non-handicapped applicant shall offer such unit:

- (1) First, to a current occupant of another unit of the same project, or comparable projects under common control, having handicaps requiring the accessibility features of the vacant unit and occupying a unit not having such features, or, if no such occupant exists, then
- (2) Second, to an eligible qualified applicant on the waiting list having a handicap requiring the accessibility features of the vacant unit.

The lower rent restricted units will follow the same procedures as the higher restricted units.

Once a unit becomes available, applicants will be contacted in the order in which they applied/placed on the waiting list. 3 attempts, 2 days apart will be made. If no response is received after the 3rd attempt, the applicant will be removed from the waiting list.

Should the applicant contact management anytime within thirty (30) days from the date their application was removed from the waiting list and can provide an acceptable reason for not responding to the notification, their application will be reinstated at their original place. The applicant must update their contact information prior to reinstatement.

RENTER’S INSURANCE –You may sign up with our choice provider insurance program or provide your own renter’s insurance policy. If you choose to provide your own insurance, please provide us with the Declaration page showing (1) Minimum of \$100,000 liability coverage (2) Our property named as additional interest, (3) Policy start and end dates covering your lease terms, (4) Policy #. Renters Insurance is not required at Evangeline Village but recommended.

