



How do I qualify to rent a home?

So, you've found the place; whether it was the little flowers that stole your heart, the warm atmosphere, or maybe the neighbors, you've found it. Fantastic, but what now?

Now is the time to put the agents involved through their paces. That home you're eyeing has an application for it hidden someplace, your job is to find it. Be that by calling the agent, or finding it on the internet, that is your ticket to your home.

Once you get the documents in question, be as meticulous as you possibly can. Every line needs to be filled out as truthfully as you possibly can in your nicest handwriting. Attaching all the necessary documents that it asks for will speed up the process, and not have your phone ringing off the hook with people asking where this or that is.

'This or that' generally consists of a verifiable income source, your rental history, verified by any past landlords, and a background check, as some landlords have a no felony policy. When you answer the questions on the application, be as completely upfront and honest as you possibly can be. If something seems like it needs to be explained, go ahead and do so. Being open from the start earns much more trust. Besides creating a good relationship with your landlord, lies and lies by omission are grounds for eviction from that lovely home you've been eyeing.

The last, but still important step in your quest to qualify is your application fee. Find out when you receive your application how much it is, and what accepted payment forms are, and have it bright and shining with your application when you turn it in. If you're hoping this person will be your future landlord, do you really want the first impression they have of you to be 'well I'll have it soon'? I didn't think so!

