



Frequently Asked Questions

Assisted Living Program Sunrise Set-Aside

Q. What is the Sunrise Set-aside Program?

A. The Sunrise Set-aside program is based on an agreement with the City of Falls Church that Sunrise of Falls Church will provide a number of set-aside beds for elderly or disabled persons with low or moderate income, and who meet other eligibility requirements.

Q. How many beds are set-aside for low and moderate-income individuals?

A. Six beds at Sunrise of Falls Church are set-aside for low-income individuals and twelve for moderate-income individuals.

Q. What are the eligibility requirements for the Sunrise Set-aside program?

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- **Age:** Individuals must be at least 62 years old. An individual under 62 may accompany a spouse who is 62 or over. Individuals with a disability, regardless of age, may be eligible to occupy either a low- or moderate-income set-aside bed at Sunrise. At any given time, only one low-income bed may be occupied by a person with a disability who is under age 62.
- **Income:** Criteria for eligibility are based on the income guidelines circulated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). An income guideline chart is attached.
 - Low income is defined as less than 50% of the area median income (adjusted for family size).
 - Moderate income is defined as 50% to 80% of the area median income (adjusted for family size).
- **Disability:** Individuals with a disability, regardless of age, may be eligible to occupy either a low- or moderate-income set-aside bed. Of the low-income beds, only one may be occupied by a person under 62.
- **Residence:** Set-aside beds are reserved for residents of the City and members of their immediate families (i.e. mother, father, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or child). Residents who have been living in the City for at least two years receive first priority, but if there is no one in that category to fill the bed, it can be offered to a resident who has been in the City for a shorter period of time.

Q. Are assets counted in determining income qualifications?

A. No. Assets are not counted to determine income qualifications.

Q. How much do individuals in the set-aside program pay to Sunrise?

A. Individuals pay 80 percent of their gross income from all sources, minus health insurance premiums, for the basic monthly rental fee at Sunrise.

Q. Who pays for any services the resident may need that are beyond the basic monthly rental fee?

A. Any and all costs beyond the basic monthly rental fee are between Sunrise and the applicant/resident or family. This may include bathing, assistance with medication.

Q. What is the State Auxiliary Grant (AG)?

A. An AG is an income supplement for individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and certain other aged, blind, or disabled individuals who reside in a licensed assisted living facility.

An AG payment is issued to an individual monthly, to be used with a designated amount of their monthly income to pay an assisted living facility a maximum monthly rate. This rate is determined by the Virginia General Assembly and is adjusted periodically.

For additional information on the State Auxiliary Grant, contact the Fairfax County Department of Family Services at 703-324-7500.

Q. May an individual use the State Auxiliary Grant program to participate in the Sunrise Set-aside program?

A. Sunrise does not have an agreement or obligation with the City of Falls Church to accept the State Auxiliary Grant program.

Q. How do I apply for Sunrise Set-aside program?

A. Contact Housing and Human Services to inquire if there is availability at 703-248-5005 or HHSinfo@fallschurchva.gov. If there is no vacancy, the applicant may be placed on an interest list.

Q. Who is a City resident?

A. A City resident is a person living within the City of Falls Church

Q. Are relatives of City residents eligible to participate in the set-aside program?

A. Immediate family members of City residents, as defined by the Code of Virginia, (parents, wife or husband, children, grandparents and brothers and sisters) are eligible to apply for the set aside beds.

Q. Am I eligible to participate in set-aside program once I have lived at Sunrise after two years or more?

A. For eligibility purposes, applicants or their immediate family member must be a City resident prior to moving into Sunrise.

Q. Who screens individuals for income and residency eligibility?

A. The City of Falls Church, Housing and Human Services screens individuals for non-medical eligibility.

Q. What types of documentation will be required prior to entering Sunrise?

A. Income – **The following documentation** of income from all sources must be provided: Signed copies of federal income tax returns for the past two years, Social Security statement, retirement statement or award letter if applicable; also must be included are copies of statement of income such as pension, annuity, interest, dividends, capital gain distributions, rental income, contributions from family members or other parties, etc. To verify income from family members or other parties, a notarized letter along with bank deposits must be included.

Residence – Documentation of City residency is required for the applicant or eligible immediate family member. This includes the City real estate tax bill or lease/rental agreement.

Immediate Family Relationship Status (if applicable) – Documentation may include birth certificate or sworn and notarized statement.

Disability (if applicable) – Acceptable disability documentation may include a Social Security or Veteran’s award letter.

Q. Is there a wait list?

A. The City of Falls Church, Housing and Human Services maintains an interest list when there are no set-aside beds available.

Q. Who is the contact at the City for more information?

A. Housing and Human Services
300 Park Avenue
Falls Church, Virginia 22046
Tel: 703-248-5005, TTY 711
Email: hhsinfo@fallschurchva.gov
Webpage: www.fallschurchva.gov/aging

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Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability

The City of Falls Church is committed to the letter and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This document will be made available in alternate format upon request. Call 703-248-5005, (TTY 711).

The City of Falls Church does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its employment practices or in the admission to, access to, or operations of its services, programs, or activities. Cindy Mester, 300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia 22046 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the ADA non-discrimination requirement.



Attachment

City of Falls Church Income Limits – Fiscal Year 2020		
Number of Persons in Household	1	2
50% of HUD Median Income	\$44,100	\$50,400
80% of HUD Median Income	\$70,560	\$80,640

Income limits updated March 2021

