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APPLICATION ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES **CENTRAL COUNCIL** EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Name:	Phone Nu	mber:	
Address:	City	State	Zip

Age: Grade in School: Graduation Date/G.E.D. Completion:

Grade Point Average:

List the Colleges or Universities of interest to you, to which you have applied, or to which you have been accepted:

Summarize your academic accomplishments (i.e., scholarships, awards, etc.):

Academic Major (if any):

List Extra-curricular school activities in which you have participated (i.e., clubs, teams, etc.):

Indicate some of the community activities in which you have participated (i.e., church, community service, etc.):

List any hobbies and special interests:

Indicate any jobs that you have held:

List two personal references (names, addresses, and phone numbers):

(Use additional sheets if more room is required.)

In addition to the above information, you must provide the Housing Authority with the following in order for your application to be complete: all high school, college, and/or trade school transcripts; two letters of recommendation from teachers; and an essay of 200 words on your goals and how you would use the grant. (Use a separate sheet.) Print or type neatly.

Again send by the deadline to: MCHA Attn: Dionne Wyatt, CEO, P.O. Box 226, 760 Anderson Street, Carlinville, IL 62626 OR Fax: 217-854-8749 OR Email: dionne@teamhousingcenter.com Applications are due no later than March 31, 2025!





FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

February Facts

National Wear Red Day is Friday, February 7th. This day is dedicated to bringing greater attention to heart disease. So choose your favorite red shirt, dress, pants, hat, tie, scarf, or even socks and support American Heart Month.



Did you know that some of the very first Valentine's Day cards were ribbon, and images of cupids and

handmade and decorated with lace. hearts. It was not until the 1840s that companies in the United States started to mass-produce Valentine's Day cards.

Abraham Lincoln was a wrestler in his youth, and rarely lost. His height and long arms made him a formidable opponent.

Neighbors

Macoupin County Housing





Dionne, CEO Stay Safe and Healthy!

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Address: P.O. Box 226 760 Anderson St. Carlinville, 62626 217-854-8606

Toll Free: 1-866-363-5142

Fax: 217-854-8749

Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. **Closed Wednesdays** Thursday & Friday 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Emergency Work Order Number: (217) 827-2100

EMERGENCIES INCLUDE:

- Gas leaks
- Broken water pipes
- Exposed electrical wires
- No heat (if the outside temperature is 45degrees or lower)
- Sewer line stoppage (not drain line) - this includes a clogged toilet
- ♦ CO/Smoke detector beeping or chirping
- ♦ Also fire, flood, or anything that threatens life, safety or property damage

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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

The Central Illinois Council of the Illinois Association of Housing Authorities has elected to implement an Educational Assistance Grant Program. The Central Council will administer the program. The money may be used for tuition, books, approved activity fees, necessities, work programs, and other items at the discretion of the sponsoring Council. The application requirements and grant rules are as follows:

- -apply.
- and senior years (except G.E.D.).
- the Executive Director.
- ments.
- mission will be required.
- services, employment, and other accomplishments.
- If the leaseholder is the recipient of this scholarship, he/she must be eligible to receive payments if he/she moves out of the Housing Authority.

-The deadline for receipt of application materials is March 31, 2025. **ENCLOSE ALL MATERIALS** and forward to the Dionne Wyatt @ C/O MCHA, P.O. Box 226 760 Anderson Street, Carlinville, IL 62626 Or Fax: 217-854-8749 OR Email: dionne@teamhousingcenter.com

- Grant will be awarded for the academic year 2025-2026.

NSPIRE FOR FEBRUARY

47-02

All Buchanan St. and the "Outside Circle" of DeArbee Drive- (ODD # Units)

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR FEBRUARY

47-08 Girard

47-03 Staunton (700-747 Kay Lane 213-229 Deneen St.)

Inspections may take place on any day of the month between the hours of 8am— 4:30pm Monday—Friday. You do not need to be home for these inspections.

*Q&A (Quality Assurance) inspections may take place on work orders and inspections anywhere from 3-5 days after the inspection/work order happens.

OFFICE NEWS

Monday, February 12, 2025 - MCHA Office Closed in honor of Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Monday, February 17, 2025- CLOSED to observe President's Day

When the office is closed, please call EMERGENCY WORK ORDERS in to the emergency phone number. Please wait until the office opens to call in routine work orders. If you call the emergency line and do not have an emergency, you could be charged.

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- Applicant must be a graduating senior or anyone continuing their education and residing in a member agency-owned or managed project. Previous participants can re

- Students must have maintained at least a 2.0 grade point average during their junior

- The Housing Authority's Executive Director must recommend the student. All applications must be submitted by the Executive Director only. The Executive Director is responsible for verifying all application requirements and collecting all application materials. Local promotion of the Grant Program is the responsibility of

- Applications must include 1) a school transcript or proof of G.E.D. completion; 2) two teacher recommendations; 3) an essay (200 words) by the student explaining his/ her goals and how the grant would be used; and 4) the Executive Directors' com-

- Additional recommendations from clergy, counselors, and others may be submitted.

- Provide a list of schools to which the student has applied. Proof of subsequent ad-

- Student must provide a description of extra-curricular activities, awards, community

in good standing with the Housing Authority. The recipient will continue to be

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HUD NSPIRE Inspections are coming! We have been notified that HUD will be here within the next couple of months to inspect our units to make sure they are meeting NSPIRE standards. One thing they will be looking for are infestations!

Cockroach infestations are a FAIL per NSPIRE standards! If you have cockroaches, please contact the office immediately for treatment.

Common Signs of Cockroaches:

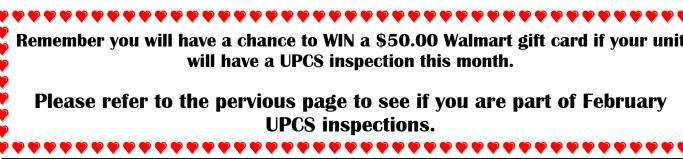
- Cockroach droppings
- Foul, unexplainable odors in the home
- Cockroach-shaped sheddings
- Smear marks on walls and surfaces
- Cockroach eggs
- Seeing live cockroaches at night

Once you spot one of these signs you will want to follow the below steps to get rid of cockroaches immediately:

- 1. Keep Food Centralized Prevention is the best action plan against a roach infestation, and you do not want to give cockroaches a reason to stick around. To prevent roaches from invading your space, be sure to wipe down counters, seal all garbage receptacles, and make sure to clean after every meal. It is also important to clean sinks, stovetops, and any other food prep areas. Remember, a clean home is a roach-free home!
- 2. **Declutter Your Home** Keeping your home free of unnecessary clutter can help prevent cockroaches from lingering as you will give them fewer places to hide. It is also a good idea to carefully inspect any cardboard boxes, packages or used furniture and goods before bringing them inside, as these pests have been known to cling onto these items and spread once they enter.
- 3. Get Rid of Standing Water—Leaky faucets and dripping pipes are a major attractant to cockroaches. The best way to keep pests away is by making sure everything is clean and dry. Check all bathtubs, sinks, and washing areas; ensure they aren't leaking. Additionally, keep pet water dishes empty overnight, empty mop buckets after each use, and dry your toothbrushes. For added measure, keep these items sealed and dry.
- 4. Use an Insecticide—When used correctly, store-bought insecticides can be effective in killing cockroaches. These insecticides come in various forms and can be purchased at affordable prices. However, it is important to note that these are chemicals and you need to follow the safety instructions on the label.
- 5. Use Baits and Traps—If you happen to see a cockroach and want to act fast, try using traps bought at your local stores. For best results, apply these traps to problem areas in your home where roaches are most likely to dwell, such as behind the refrigerator and underneath the sink.
- 6. **Contact the Housing Office for Expert Help**—Call for a work order so maintenance can come out and inspect your apartment and then treat accordingly.

Your full cooperation in treatment is expected!

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Helpful Cleaning Tips! Get your whole house clutter free in just one month! I can't tell you how much having a decluttered home improves my life. I'm more relaxed, able to focus and generally less stressed. As someone who suffers from anxiety, this makes a huge difference in my happiness. Clutter Free in 30 Days

Go through the list and get rid of • things that are: •
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Broken •
Never used •
Duplicates •
Unwanted •
 Here we go! TV stand Book collection Movies/CDs Bathroom cabinets Shower toiletries Makeup
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Remember you will have a chance to WIN a \$50.00 Walmart gift card if your unit will have a UPCS inspection this month.

Please refer to the pervious page to see if you are part of February **UPCS** inspections.

- Jewelry Purse and wallet Hallway closet Bedroom end table Your clothes Your spouses clothes Your kids clothes Kid toys Office desk Fridge Freezer Medicine cabinet Under the kitchen sink Utensils Dishes
- Pots and pans

Tupperware Pantry Spices Junk Drawers **Cleaning Supplies** Craft Room Other Closets Other Cabinets



Macoupin County Public Transportation 112 S. Macoupin St., Gillespie IL, 62033 For questions or to make reservations, Call: (217) 839-4130

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25 February

1-4:00 pm

11 am - 4:00 pm

Open to the public

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RESIDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SHOVELING DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

Please keep in mind that The Housing Authority is not responsible for shoveling driveways and sidewalks. Each city/town will plow the roads so make sure vehicles are parked where they will not get blocked by snow.

RESIDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGING FURNACE FILTERS EVERY 30 DAYS

Residents are responsible for changing their own furnace filters every 30 days. If you do not change your filter, it gets clogged and can cause permanent damage to the furnace. If you are unable to change your filter due to furnace placement or disability, please purchase the filter and then call the office so we may set up a work order to assist you.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LARGE ITEMS OUTSIDE YOUR UNIT

Large items may not be left outside the units at any time. This includes furniture, broken toys or other large items or trash of any kind. It is your responsibility to keep the outside of your unit free of trip hazards and unsightly messes. If you have a large item that you need to dispose of, please call the office to schedule the removal. There will be a fee for this service.

Please keep in mind that you are to pay at the bank in the town in which you live in. If you pay at the wrong bank you will be charged a \$20 bookkeeping fee that you will be required to pay. Also, make sure you are giving them your name and address when paying at the bank. If you have someone else pay your rent or charges, they need to give them your name and address so we know who's account we need to apply the money to. If we have the wrong name, your rent payment may be missed. I have listed below the town and the bank you should be paying at.



CARLINVILLE COMMUNITY CAREER EXPO

- Business & Industry, College, & Military Reps on site
- Networking opportunities
- Bring resumes

Participating Businesses and Industry

Steno School **Patterson House Children's Garden Learning Center** Bank and Trust Co. Carlinville Rehab **Carlinville Area Hospital and Clinics** Karmak MCDD Walmart DQ Lake Williamson Express Employment M&M Service **D&R Machine** Sever Industries **Omni Energy Corteva Agriscience Boilermakers Union** Painters District Council 58 Local 268 Sheet Metal Workers National Assoc. of Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers **Oshea Builders Ranken Technical College** SWIC Lincoln Tech LLCC Agriculture LLCC Skilled Trades and Healthcare Illinois Dept. of Corrections **Illinois State Police** United States Marine Corp.

Interest or questions: mullena@cusd1.com

Rent Payments

Mt. Olive—Bank of Hillsboro **Bunker Hill—United Community Bank Carlinville—CNB Bank and Trust** Staunton—Bank of Springfield in Staunton **Gillespie—United Community Bank** Virden—Prairie State Bank and Trust **Girard**—1st National Bank of Girard