



# RESIDENT BOARD MEMBERS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## **Do you have to be a current NYCHA resident to apply?**

Yes. You must be a current resident and be the tenant of record or an authorized household member.

## **How old do you have to be to apply?**

You must be at least 18 years old.

## **When will the position begin?**

August/September 2016.

## **How long will I have to serve?**

- Resident Board Members will be appointed by the Mayor to serve up to a three-year term.
- The Mayor can remove any Board Member, other than the Chair, during his or her term by serving the member with a document stating the reasons for removal. This document must be filed with the city's Commissioner of Citywide Administrative Services, and it will be made available to the general public.

## **How do I apply?**

You can apply on-line and/or download the application at <http://on.nyc.gov/nycha-board> or call 311. You may also pick up an application at your local Property Management Office or Borough Management Office.

## **When is the application period? What is the deadline for applying?**

Applications will be available starting June 1, 2016. All applications must be received on-line or postmarked no later than July 15, 2016.

## **Where do I mail my completed application?**

For those who choose to apply by mail, all mailed applications must be sent by U.S. Postal Service regular mail to: NYCHA Resident Board Member, P.O. Box 3422, New York, NY 10008-3422.

## **What do you mean by a tenant in good standing?**

A tenant in good standing is someone whose tenancy has not been terminated; rent payments are up-to-date; the tenancy is not on probation; and there are no pending tenancy termination charges, legal actions for nonpayment of rent, or Bawdy House proceedings to terminate the lease because the apartment is being used to conduct an illegal business.

## **What else is required of the applicant?**

Applicants must successfully complete an investigation by the New York City Department of Investigation, the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board and/or by NYCHA's Office of the Inspector General. Your tenant file will also be reviewed as part of the application process.

## **Will there be an in-person interview?**

Selected candidates will be interviewed by the Office of the Mayor of the City of New York and by NYCHA.

**Will I earn a salary?**

No. Each Resident Board Member will receive a monthly stipend of \$250 for every four hours of work performed for NYCHA, up to a maximum of \$1,500 per month.

**Will the stipend affect my income for purposes of determining my NYCHA rent?**

Any stipend amounts of more than \$200 a month will count towards your annual income.

**Is the Resident Board Member position full time?**

Resident Board Members are not required to serve full time. However, it is anticipated that Resident Board Members will need to commit approximately 15-20 hours per month to carry out Board responsibilities.

**What is the Mayor looking for in an applicant?**

The successful candidates will have strong communications and interpersonal skills, computer skills, as well as a demonstrated commitment to and an interest in public housing.

**What are some examples of the type of work that the Resident Board Member would be responsible for?**

- Board Members will meet at least once a month to transact NYCHA business and to set NYCHA policy.
- Board Members will be expected to review materials in preparation for Board meetings.
- Board Members may also be required to attend events as Board representatives.
- All Board members are expected to be active and involved, and to maintain a record of good attendance. In addition, they should seek to adhere to the principles of good government: honesty, accountability, and the avoidance of conflicts of interest.

**Can I serve as a Resident Board Member if I am a NYCHA employee?**

No.

**Can I serve as a Resident Board Member if I am a member of a Resident Association Board or part of the Citywide Council of Presidents (CCOP)?**

If appointed as the Resident Board Member, you must resign from your Resident Association or CCOP position.

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