Information for completing the Online Preliminary Application

If you are interested in applying to our **SUBSIDIZED PROPERTY WAITLISTS (households pay 30% of their income toward rent) visit the following link: www.getahome.org/subsidized-apartment/ (please note, you will have to apply to each subsidized property separately).

Welcome To Champlain Housing Trust - Rental Applications

We are excited for your interest. Please note that Champlain Housing Trust - Rental Applications is an Affordable Housing property and you must meet specific conditions to live here. Complete this application as fully as possible to both expedite your application and to confirm you meet the needed qualifications. It will help you enter the information if you have your bank statements, employment paystubs, etc. on hand.

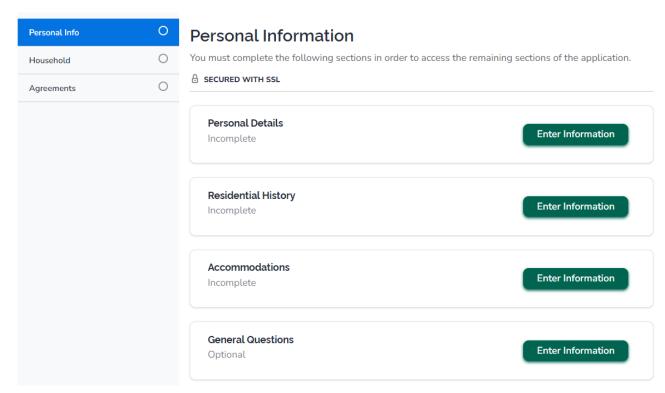


The application is available online in 8 languages, more may be added in the future.

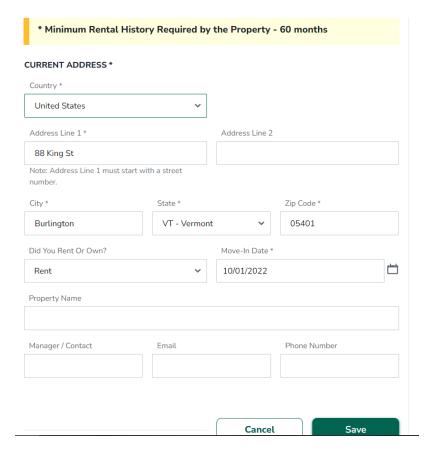


Complete the information in each section:

Personal info -

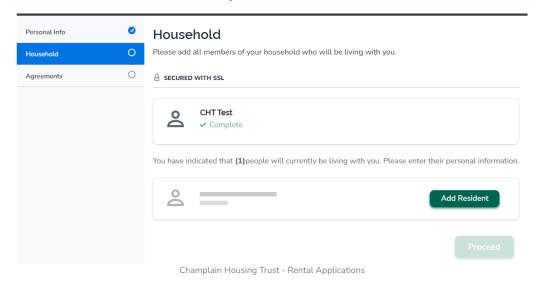


Five years of housing history (does not need to be all rental history) will be required when completing a full application, just your current address is needed for a Preliminary application. Move-in Date is the date you started living at your current address:

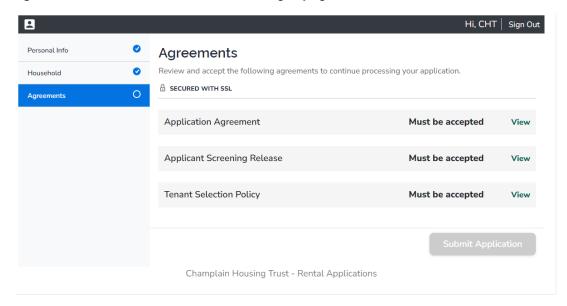


Next, enter the number of people, household income and bedroom size.

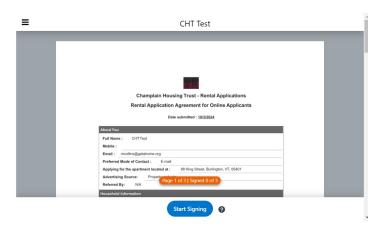
Household - add the names and information for any other household members -



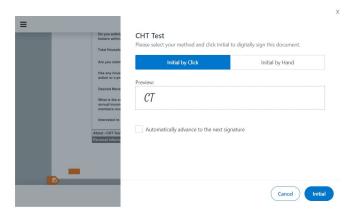
Agreements - all 3 sections must be viewed and digitally signed.



View each document - scroll to read the document before clicking Start Signing.

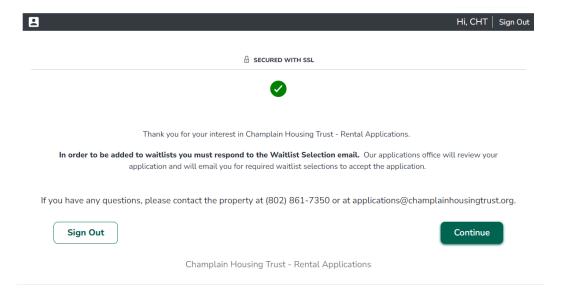


This will bring you to an orange area that you need to select. Choose to Initial by click or by hand. You can also check the box the auto advance to the next signature. You'll click in the orange area before continuing.



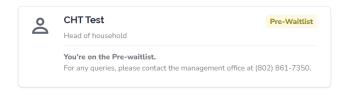
Select Finish signing, then move on to View the next document and sign. Documents are emailed to you after signing or you can download and print for your records. Emails will be from $\frac{\text{no-reply@esign.realpage.com}}{\text{no-reply@esign.realpage.com}}.$

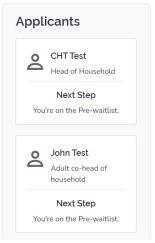
Select Submit Application. When you see the following screens, your application has been successfully submitted and you are on the <u>Pre-waitlist</u>. You are not added to any waitlists yet.



Application Status

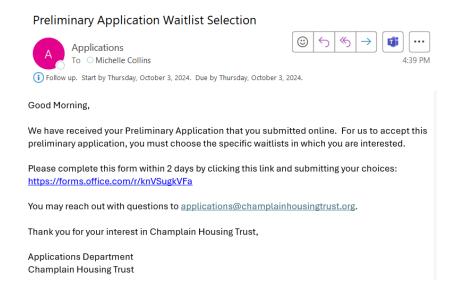
View your application progress



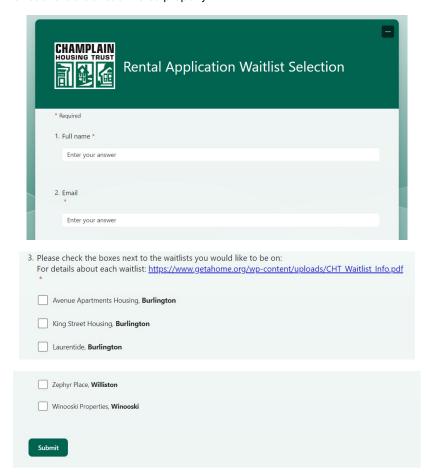


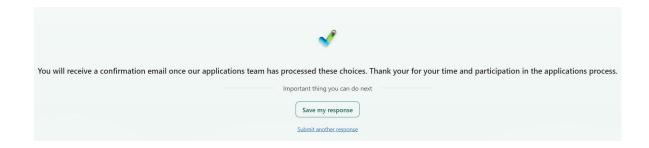
The next step must be completed before you can be added to any waitlists. Within two weeks, depending on staffing, you will receive an email from Applications (applications@champlainhousingtrust.org). These emails are sent in bulk and will not show an applicant's name or email address. Case managers who use a common email will need to track who has applied and when this email is received.

Sample email:

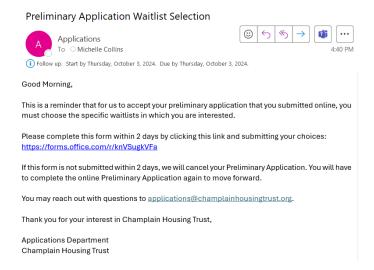


The link to the form will bring you to a form to complete and choose waitlists (not all waitlists are shown in this screenshot). Refer to the Property Waitlist Information document available on the CHT website under How to Apply for details and bedroom sizes available at each listed property:



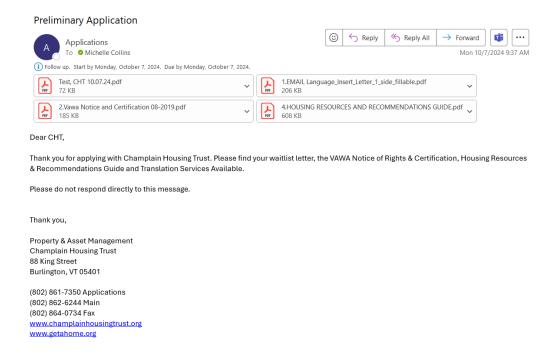


If you don't complete the form from the first email, you'll get a second email. Your Preliminary Application will be canceled if the form isn't completed.



After you select your waitlist choices, an email confirmation is not automatic and may take up to two weeks depending on staffing.

Sample mail that the Preliminary application is accepted:



Dear CHT.

We received your Preliminary Application on 10/03/2024 and you have been added to the waitlists you selected. Your application was not screened for credit, criminal, rental or eviction history.

Please refer to our Tenant Screening Standards on page 2 of the Tenant Selection Policy, found on our website at https://www.getahome.org/apply-to-rent/. You are welcome to address potential reasons for denial while your application is in preliminary status.

- If you believe that negative credit history (poor credit, past due accounts, or collections pending) of
 any adult in the household might prevent an approval, we invite you to complete Ready, Set, Rent!
 (RSR), offered by Champlain Housing Trust.
 - RSR consists of one class AND one coaching appointment. You will learn about budgeting, building or rebuilding credit, and setting, then reaching, financial goals.
 - Use this link to learn more about RSR with Champlain Housing Trust, and register for a class if interested. https://www.getahome.org/ready-set-rent-rsr/
- If you or any adult in the household does not have formal rental history of one or more years, we
 invite you to complete Tenant Skills, offered by Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity
 (CVOEO.)
 - This rental education class covers your rights and responsibilities as a renter and deals with common issues like security deposits or repairs. You may register online for Tenant Skills at https://www.cvoeo.org/learn/renters-workshops.
 - If you have questions or need interpretation services, please call 802-660-3455 ext. 205 or email classcoord@cvoeo.org.
 - Please send CHT your certificate of completion. CVOEO will not notify CHT of class completion.

We hold the Preliminary Application until you are near the top of one or more waitlists. Current overall wait times are over 15 months. At that time, we will request that you complete the Rental Application. When we receive this completed application, we will move forward with processing. This will include credit and criminal screening, and checking your listed rental references.

Applicants may qualify for some apartments but not others, because each apartment has a specified income range. Larger apartments may also have a minimum household size.

Please be sure to update the Applications Office at 802-861-7350, or applications@getahome.org with any changes to your mailing address, email or phone, income, or household size.