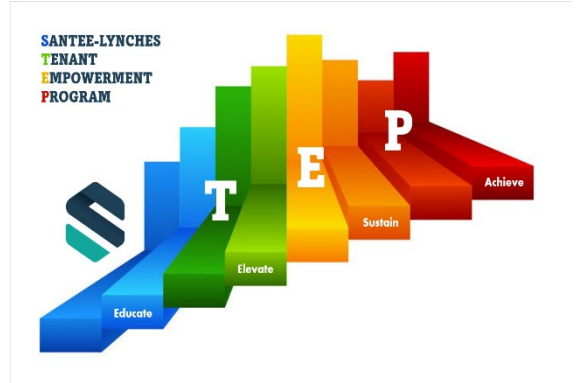




# THE SANTEE- LYNCHES TENANT EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (S.T.E.P.)



- The program is intended to help individuals (and their families) attain and maintain self-sufficiency by providing temporary assistance with housing.
- The assistance will allow participants to better dedicate themselves to educational and training activities to successfully enter the workforce or move to a higher-wage position.
- Student progress will be verified on a monthly basis with mandatory monthly appointments.
- The candidates' household must have a low-to-moderate level income, measured as being 80% or less than the median household income for their county of residence, according to HUD regulations.
- Individuals must qualify according to the HUD income requirements, must be enrolled at an approved institution of higher education or in a work/training development program **and meet at least one of following criteria**; 24 years or older, or be a US military veteran, be married, or have a dependent child, or a participant in the Santee-Lynches Regional Reentry Program.
- Assistance must be applied to a new lease.
- The maximum assistance available will be capped at 30% of the candidate's gross household income.
- The program will pay assistance directly to the landlord, and the renter will be responsible for the remaining balance due each month of the lease.

**Approved Educational Providers for STEP**

**Assistance:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Carolina Technical College</li> <li>• University of South Carolina (Sumter and Palmetto College)</li> <li>• Morris College</li> <li>• (Training funded by) Vocational Rehabilitation (Sumter, Clarendon, Lee and Kershaw)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Training funded by) WIOA/ SC Works</li> <li>• Francis Marion University</li> <li>• Midlands MedTech</li> <li>• Professional Development and Training Services, LLC</li> <li>• FORTIS- online</li> <li>• Strayer University- online</li> <li>• University of Phoenix- online</li> <li>• St. Leo University</li> <li>• Troy University</li> </ul> |
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**ANNUAL INCOME LIMITS FOR FY2021**

County	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
<b>Kershaw</b>	\$38,150	\$43,600	\$49,050	\$54,450	\$58,850	\$63,200	\$67,550	\$71,900
<b>Sumter</b>	\$34,000	\$38,850	\$43,700	\$48,550	\$52,450	\$56,350	\$60,250	\$64,100
<b>Clarendon</b>	\$33,450	\$38,200	\$43,000	\$47,750	\$51,600	\$55,400	\$59,250	\$63,050
<b>Lee</b>	\$32,950	\$37,650	\$42,350	\$47,050	\$50,850	\$54,600	\$58,350	\$62,150

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