



# 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.
- One (1) year duration, however an additional 12 months may be requested in certain situations.
- 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:**

- Central Carolina Technical College
- University of South Carolina (Sumter and Palmetto College)
- Morris College
- (Training funded by) Vocational Rehabilitation (Sumter, Clarendon, Lee and Kershaw)

- (Training funded by) WIOA/ SC Works
- Francis Marion University
- Midlands MedTech
- Professional Development and Training Services, LLC
- FORTIS- online
- Strayer University- online
- University of Phoenix- online
- St. Leo University
- Troy University

**ANNUAL INCOME LIMITS FOR FY2021**

County	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
Kershaw	\$34,100	\$39,000	\$43,850	\$48,700	\$52,600	\$56,500	\$60,400	\$64,300
Sumter	\$30,450	\$34,800	\$39,150	\$43,450	\$46,950	\$50,450	\$53,900	\$57,400
Clarendon	\$30,050	\$34,350	\$38,650	\$42,900	\$46,350	\$49,800	\$53,200	\$56,650
Lee	\$30,050	\$34,350	\$38,650	\$42,900	\$46,350	\$49,800	\$53,200	\$56,650

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