

Are you Ready for FSS?

Families and Individuals who answer **YES** to these questions are ready for FSS

- ◆ Do you want to increase your income?
- ◆ Do you want to reduce your debt?
- ◆ Do you want to learn to budget more effectively?
- ◆ Do you want to improve your credit rating?
- ◆ Do you want to become a homeowner?
- ◆ Do you want to establish a savings fund for emergencies?



The City of Columbia Housing Authority
HCV Family Self Sufficiency Program

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What is Family Self Sufficiency?

The Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program is a voluntary program for Housing Choice Voucher participants. There are two main components of the FSS program.

The FSS Contract: Your road map to self sufficiency. The FSS contract will outline the goals you want to accomplish and the steps to take in order to reach them. The FSS contract is set for a 5 year term with the final goal being self sufficiency.

The FSS Escrow Account: Your nest egg that grows as your income grows. When your earned income increases so does your portion of rent. The additional money you pay in rent is deposited into your escrow account.

The FSS Contract and Escrow Account work in tandem to ensure you are successful in reaching your goals.



Questions & Answers

What Goals do FSS families have?

Common FSS goals are: obtaining employment, going back to school, repairing credit, saving money for a house, starting a business, and becoming a home owner

How does the FSS Coordinator help me?

The FSS coordinator will help you identify resources and programs that will assist you in reaching the goals on your FSS contract. In addition the FSS coordinator will serve as a mentor, coach, motivator, guide, and advocate.

How do I get enrolled?

Fill out the form on the brochure and the FSS coordinator will send you the FSS application and schedule a meeting with you. After the initial meeting a second appointment will be scheduled to enroll you into the FSS program.

The FSS Escrow Account

When you join the Family Self Sufficiency Program an escrow account is established. When you experience an increase in your earned income, your portion of rent will also increase at the time of your next annual recertification.

This increase triggers the start of your escrow account savings. The amount deposited into your escrow account depends on how much your earned income has increased.

Complete the form below to learn more about the HCV Family Self Sufficiency Program.

Please print legibly

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Best Time to Contact: _____

Are you employed? ___Y ___N

If yes, where? _____

Are you attending school? ___Y ___N

If yes, where? _____

Detach and mail or drop off to the Columbia Housing Authority, 201 Switzler St. Columbia, MO 65203, Attn: Gary Anspach, HCV FSS Coordinator