

Vistas Apartment Communities

Frequently Asked Questions

The Vistas Apartment Communities are fully accessible, affordable one- and two-bedroom apartments for people with physical mobility disabilities.

Where are the Vistas Communities located?

- Cuyahoga County: Circle Vistas in Cleveland and Pine Tree Vistas in Parma
- Lake County: Lake Vistas in Mentor-on-the-Lake
- Lorain County: Meadow Vistas in Avon Lake and Sheffield Vistas in Sheffield Township

Who should apply?

- Head of household must have the physical mobility disability and be at least 18 years old
- Families welcome
- Those with a live-in aide or minor children may qualify for 2-bedroom apartment
- Small pets allowed

What are some of the accessibility features?

- No steps or barriers
- Low kitchen counters and cabinets
- Roll-in showers and grab bars
- Windows that are easy to access and open
- Laundry room in each building
- Wide doorways and hallways
- Sinks at wheelchair level and open underneath
- Easy-to-reach light switches
- Automatic exterior doors
- Outdoor patio area

How much is rent?

- Subsidized by HUD so that tenant rent is only 30% of adjusted monthly income
 - Income limit for 1 person: \$22,700 per year
 - Income limit for 2 people: \$25,900 per year
- Heat, water, and electricity are included

How to apply?

- One application for all five properties
- Application process can take up to several months
 - Verification of Disability Form completed by applicant's physician
 - Landlord reference, professional reference, and/or 2 personal references
 - Criminal check: 7 years of clean slate
 - Credit check: May request a letter of explanation for poor credit history
- In-person interview

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