

# WRO'S HOMEBUYING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this interactive form. When complete, please click the SUBMIT button on the last page. You will not be registered if you have not entered a workshop date or have not submitted all 6 pages of the form. You are not registered until you receive a confirmation via email or by phone.

\* **Date of workshop:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Not sure when the next workshop is? Check the web-site or call us)

\* **Have you applied to WRO in the past?**  Yes  No **If yes when?** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you working with another housing counseling agency?  Yes  No **If yes, who?** \_\_\_\_\_

\* **First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **D.O.B.** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Primary Applicant)

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **D.O.B.** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Co- Applicant)

\* **Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-applicant's Relationship to primary applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Marital Status:**  Single  Married  Widowed  Divorced  Separated **Ethnicity:**  Hispanic  Non-Hispanic

\* **Race:**  African-American  Asian  White  Native American  Other \_\_\_\_\_

\* **US Citizen:**  Yes  No **Is your household limited English proficiency?**  Yes  No

\* **Gender:**  Male  Female  Other **Female Head of Household?**  Yes  No

\* **Are you a First Time Homebuyer?**  Yes  No **Are you a Section 8 voucher holder?**  Yes  No

\* **Do you currently?**  Rent  or  Own **Do you currently live in a rural area?**  Yes  No

**How did you hear about WRO?**  Newspaper  Bank  Government (HUD)  Walk-in  Staff Member  
 Previous Consumer  Friend/Relative  Realtor  Flyer  TV/Radio  Homebuyer Fair  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the section that best describes your household annual income:

*(Note: find your household size then circle the income that is closest to your household's ANNUAL GROSS INCOME)*

1 Person Household	2 Person Household	3 Person Household	4 Person Household	5 Person Household	6 Person Household
\$78,000	\$89,200	\$100,300	\$111,400	\$120,400	\$129,300
\$62,400	\$71,360	\$80,240	\$89,120	\$96,320	\$103,400
\$46,800	\$53,250	\$60,180	\$66,840	\$72,240	\$77,580
\$39,000	\$44,600	\$50,150	\$55,700	\$60,200	\$64,650
\$23,400	\$26,750	\$30,100	\$33,400	\$41,150	\$44,100

**WHITE PLAINS RESIDENTS ONLY**  
**ALL OTHERS PLEASE SKIP TO PAGE 3**

This program is NOT restricted to White Plains Residents however if you live in White Plains, this agency is required to request income verification documentation along with your registration form.  
 We thank you for your cooperation.

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**Please include a copy of ONE of the following as your Income Verification Documentation:**  
 Note: A statement of income from your employer(s) is not sufficient, unless accompanied by a payroll statement.

Section 8 Statement	Federal W2 Form	Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statement	Federal Income Tax – FEDERAL FORM FILED
SSI/SSA/SSD Statement	Federal W4 Form	** Statement of Income (SEE BELOW)	

**Number of persons in your household:**

Under 16	17 to 21	21 to 61	Over 62	TOTAL FAMILY SIZE

## Program Disclosure Form

**Note:** *If you have an impairment, disability, or language barrier, or otherwise require an alternative means of completing this form or accessing information about housing counseling, please talk to your housing counselor about arranging alternative accommodations.*

**About Us and Program Purpose:** Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., is a nonprofit, HUD-approved comprehensive housing counseling agency. We provide educational workshops and a full spectrum of housing counseling including pre-purchase, foreclosure prevention, non-delinquency post-purchase, reverse mortgage, fair housing counseling (enforcement and education), rental and homeless counseling. We serve all clients regardless of income, race, color, religion/creed, sex, national origin, age, familial status, disability, or sexual orientation/gender identity, source of income, marital status, and DV survivor status. We administer our programs in conformity with local, state, and federal anti-discrimination laws, including the federal Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3600, et seq.). **As a housing counseling program participant, please affirm your roles and responsibilities along with the following disclosures, by signing and dating this form on the following page.**

### Client and Counselor Roles and Responsibilities

#### Counselor's Roles and Responsibilities

- Reviewing your housing goal and your finances, which include your income, debts, assets, and credit history.
- Preparing a Client Action Plan that lists the steps that you and your counselor will take in order to achieve your housing goal.
- Preparing a household budget that will help you manage your debt, expenses, and savings.
- Your counselor is not responsible for achieving your housing goal, but will provide guidance and education in support of your goal.
- Neither your counselor nor WRO employees, agents, or directors may provide legal advice.

#### Client's Roles and Responsibilities

- Completing the steps assigned to you in your Client Action Plan.
- Providing accurate information about your income, debt, expenses, credit, and employment.
- Attending meetings, returning calls, and providing requested paperwork in a timely manner.
- Notifying WRO or your counselor when changing housing goals.
- Attending educational workshop(s) as recommended.
- Retaining an attorney if seeking legal advice and or representation in matters such as foreclosure or bankruptcy protection.

**TERMINATION OF SERVICES**

**Failure to work cooperatively with your Housing Counselor and or WRO will result in the discontinuation of services. This includes, but is not limited to, missing three consecutive appointments and failing to submit necessary documents requested by your counselor or WRO.**

**Agency Conduct:** No WRO employee, officer, director, contractor, volunteer, or agent shall undertake any action that might result in, or create the appearance of, administering counseling operations for personal or private gain, provide preferential treatment for any person or organization, or engage in conduct that will compromise our agency's compliance with federal regulations and our commitment to serving the best interests of our clients.

**Agency Relationships:** WRO has financial affiliation (if funded by HUD) or professional affiliations (if not funded by HUD) with HUD, New York State Attorney General's Office, New York State Housing and Community Renewal Corporation, Westchester County, City of White Plains, City of Yonkers, and banks including Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, and Capital One Bank. As a housing counseling program participant, you are not obligated to use the products and services of WRO or our industry partners.

**Alternative Services, Programs, and Products and Client Freedom of Choice:** WRO has a first-time homebuyer program developed in partnership with HSBC, First Niagara, M&T, Astoria Bank, and Tomkins Mahopac Bank. However, you are not obligated to participate in this or other WRO programs and services while you are receiving housing counseling from our agency. You may consider seeking alternative products and services from entities including the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), for first-time homebuyer loan programs, and Human Development Services of Westchester or Community Housing Innovations, for other first-time homebuyer programs. You are entitled to choose whatever real estate professionals, lenders, and lending products that meet your needs.

**Referrals and Community Resources:** You will be provided a community resource list which outlines the county and regional services available to meet a variety of needs, including utilities assistance, emergency shelter, transitional housing, food banks, and legal aid assistance. This list also identifies alternative agencies that provide services, programs, or products similar to those offered by WRO and its partners and affiliates.

\* **Privacy Policy:** I/we acknowledge that I/we received a copy of Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc.'s Privacy Policy. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

**Errors and Omissions and Disclaimer of Liability:** I/we agree that WRO, its employees, agents, and directors are not liable for any claims and causes of action arising from errors or omissions by such parties, or related to my participation in WRO housing counseling; and I hereby release and waive all claims of action against WRO and its affiliates. I/we have read this document, understand that I/we have given up substantial rights by signing it, and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. If any provision of this document is unenforceable, it shall be modified to the extent necessary to make the provision valid and binding, and the remainder of this document shall remain enforceable to the full extent allowed by law.

**Quality Assurance:** In order to assess client satisfaction and in compliance with grant funding requirements, WRO, or one of its partners, may contact you during or after the completion of your housing counseling service. You may be requested to complete a survey asking you to evaluate your client experience. Your survey data may be confidentially shared with WRO's grantors such as HUD or other funding organizations. .

**I/we acknowledge that I/we received, reviewed, and agree to WRO's Program Disclosures.**

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Name 1 Signature                                      Date                                      Counselor Signature                                      Date

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Name 2 Signature                                      Date

# Privacy Policy

***NOTE: If you have an impairment, disability, or language barrier, or otherwise require an alternative means of completing this form or accessing information about housing counseling, please talk to your housing counselor about arranging alternative accommodations.***

Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. (WRO), is committed to assuring the privacy of individuals and/or families who have contacted us for assistance. We realize that the concerns you bring to us are highly personal in nature. We assure you that all personal information shared orally and/or in writing will be managed within ethical and legal considerations. Additionally, we want you to understand how we use the personal information we collect about you. Please carefully review this notice as it describes our policy regarding the collection and disclosure of your nonpublic personal information.

## **What is nonpublic personal information?**

- Information that identifies an individual personally and is not otherwise publicly available, such as your Social Security Number or demographic data such as your race and ethnicity
- Includes personal financial information such as credit history, income, employment history, financial assets, bank account information, and financial debts

## **What personal information does WRO collect about you?**

We collect personal information about you from the following sources:

- Information that you provide on applications and forms, in email, or verbally
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others
- Information we receive from your creditors or employment references
- Credit reports

## **What categories of information do we disclose and to whom?**

We may disclose the following personal information to financial service providers (such as companies providing home mortgages), Federal, State, and nonprofit partners for program review, monitoring, auditing, research, and/or oversight purposes, and/or any other pre-authorized individual and/or organization. The types of information we disclose are as follows:

- Information you provide on applications/forms or other forms of communication. This information may include your name, address, Social Security Number, employer, occupation, account numbers, assets, expenses, and income.
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others such as your account balance, monthly payment, payment history, and method of payment.
- Information we receive from a consumer credit reporting agency such as your credit bureau reports, your credit and payment history, your credit scores, and/or your creditworthiness.
- We do not sell or rent your personal information to any outside entity.
- We may share anonymous, aggregated case file information, but this information **may** not be disclosed in a manner that would personally identify you in any way. This is done in order to evaluate our program, gather valuable research information, and/or design future programs.
- We may also disclose personal information about you to third parties as permitted by law.

## **How is your personal information secured?**

We restrict access to your nonpublic personal information to WRO employees who need to know that information in order to perform their housing counseling duties. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal information; and we train our staff to safeguard client information and prevent unauthorized access, disclosure, or use.

## **Opting Out of Certain Disclosures**

You may direct WRO to *not* disclose your nonpublic personal information to third parties (other than disclosures made to project partners and those permitted by law). However, if you choose to opt out, we will not be able to answer any questions from your creditors, which may limit WRO's ability to provide services such as foreclosure prevention counseling. If you choose to opt out, please sign below under the "Opt Out" clause. If you choose to release your information as stipulated in this Privacy Policy, sign under the "Release" clause. You may change your decision any time by contacting our agency.

**OPT OUT:** I request that WRO make no disclosures of my nonpublic personal information to third parties other than project partners and those permitted by law. By choosing this option, I understand that Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. will NOT be able to answer any questions from my creditors. I understand that I may change my decision any time by contacting WRO.

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Name 1 (Printed)                      Signature                      Date                      Name 2 (Printed)                      Signature                      Date

**RELEASE:** I hereby authorize WRO to release nonpublic personal information it obtains about me to my creditors and any third parties necessary to provide me with the services I requested. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above privacy practices and disclosures.

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Name 1 (Printed)                      Signature                      Date                      Name 2 (Printed)                      Signature                      Date

**Please note:**

**All 6 pages must be submitted and proof of income is only required for White Plains Residents.**

I acknowledge that all digital signatures on this form shall have the same effect as manual signatures.

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If you experience any issue(s) in the electronic submission of this form, please email it directly to:  
mzarfes@wroinc.org

\*Required field