



## First Responder, Military & Teacher Benefit Information

### First Responder & Teacher Benefit Definitions:

- Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) – provide proof that you are an active volunteer, full-time employee or retired employee that is/was a licensed, certified or authorized EMT of a medical emergency medical services responder. The medical services responder can be either a private sector provider or a unit of the federal government, a state, unit of the general local government or an Indian tribal government
- Firefighters – provide proof that you are an active volunteer, full-time employee or retired employee that is/was a licensed, certified or authorized firefighter of a fire department of the federal government, a state, unit of the general local government, or an Indian tribal government.
- Law Enforcement Officers – provide proof that you are an active full-time employee or a retired employee of a law enforcement agency of the federal government, a state, a unit of general local government, or an Indian tribal government; and, in carry out such full-time employment, the employee is sworn to uphold the law, and make arrests, or in other authorized enforcement activities for violations of federal, state, tribal, county, township or municipal laws.
- Paraprofessional Educators – provide proof that you are an active full-time or retired paraprofessional who provides/provided instructional support services for schools pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade under the direct supervision of a highly qualified teacher.
- Teachers – provide proof that you are an active full-time or retired pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade teacher that is/was a full-time employee of a state-accredited public school or private school that provides direct educational services to students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12.

### Documentation Examples:

- Paystub – if your paystub indicates the organization at which you work along with the title of your position
- Designation Certificate – a copy of your certificate indicating you are a certified law enforcement officer, firefighter, EMT or teacher as defined above
- Photo ID – if you have a current photo ID indicating you would qualify based on the definitions above

\*Note: All of the above are examples of documentation. NHS of Chicago reserves the right to request additional documentation or formal verification of employment prior to a customer being qualified/eligible for this benefit.

See page 2 for Military Benefit Definitions and Income Limits chart.



**Military Benefit Definitions:**

- Current active members of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, Army National Guard, Air National Guard
- Reservists
- Veterans of any of the organizations listed above
- Surviving Spouse of any member of any of the organizations listed above
- Documentation Examples:
  - o Active Duty – Active Duty Statement or Certificate of Eligibility
  - o Veteran – DD214 stating an honorable discharge
  - o Veteran of National Guard – NGB 22 stating an honorable discharge
  - o Surviving Spouse – Certificate of Eligibility in spouse’s name

**Chicago-Cook County  
NeighborhoodLIFT® Program Income Limits**

Cook County, IL NeighborhoodLIFT® Down Payment Assistance Program 2019 Income Limits			
Household Size	Non FRMT	FRMT Benefit	
		FHA Loans	Other Loans
1	\$71,300	\$71,750	\$89,100
2	\$71,300	\$82,000	\$89,100
3	\$71,300	\$89,100	\$89,100
4	\$71,300	\$89,100	\$89,100
5	\$77,050	\$96,250	\$96,250
6	\$82,750	\$103,400	\$103,400
7	\$88,450	\$110,500	\$110,500
8	\$94,150	\$117,650	\$117,650

*Income Limits Listed Above Effective April 24, 2019. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) sets the household income limits that are used to establish NeighborhoodLIFT® maximum income guidelines. These income limits are subject to change each year or at any time that HUD deems appropriate.*

Income limits for first responders, military and teachers are listed above. If you qualify for this benefit you will receive a NeighborhoodLIFT grant in the amount of \$17,500 once deemed eligible by NHS of Chicago. Basic allowance for Housing (BAH), meals and other bonuses are not included in income evaluation.