ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Fair Housing Enforcement Program is a unit within the Legal Aid Society of Hawai‘i that strives to promote fair housing and end housing discrimination through education, advocacy, outreach, and litigation. We believe that all persons should be afforded equal access to housing.

State law prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, familial status, disability, marital status, age, ancestry, sexual orientation and HIV infection.

BECOME A TESTER HERE:
www.fairhousinghawaii.org/attend-tester-training.html
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“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Make a Difference.
Fight Housing Discrimination.
Become a Tester.

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WHAT IS TESTING?

Testing is a type of investigation that is used to uncover illegal housing discrimination. It is a controlled method to measure and document differences in treatment of home seekers by housing providers.

WHY TEST?

Testing allows us to identify and investigate instances of illegal housing discrimination.

The U.S. Supreme Court has recognized and affirmed the importance of testing in fighting housing discrimination. Testing is considered a legitimate and necessary tool to uncover discriminatory housing practices.

WHAT DO TESTERS DO?

Testers pose as potential home buyers or renters. Testers go on an assignment, interact with the housing provider, and objectively report their experiences to the Investigation Coordinator.

TESTING FAQ’s

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BE A TESTER?

Testers must be 18 and over, not have an open case with Legal Aid, and free of any prior felony convictions. Testers must also attend a training session about fair housing and testing procedures before joining the program.

WHAT IS THE TESTER STIPEND?

For each test completed and returned within the allotted timeframe, testers will receive a stipend. For in-person tests, testers receive $40 plus mileage reimbursement. Phone and email test stipends are $20 per test. Rates are subject to change at the discretion of Legal Aid.

HOW OFTEN WILL I TEST?

Testers are on an on-call, as-needed basis. If a test arises and matches your profile, you will be called and asked to test. Some months you may be asked to perform several tests. Other months you may not be assigned any tests.

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