



Men's Shelter of Charlotte Client Eligibility

Effective August 1, 2012, the Men's Shelter of Charlotte has updated its emergency shelter eligibility criteria. These changes came about based on a desire to ensure access to emergency shelter for those men in our community who truly need it. Following strategies supported by the National Alliance to End Homelessness and the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, the Men's Shelter is focused on targeting its limited emergency shelter resources on those men without supports to remain off of the streets and assisting homeless men to successfully exit the shelter as quickly as possible.

To be eligible to access emergency shelter at either campus operated by the Men's Shelter of Charlotte, clients must:

1. Be male and at least 18 years of age;
2. Be homeless according to HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) definitions and guidelines as interpreted by, and in the sole discretion of, the Men's Shelter of Charlotte;
3. Be able to demonstrate to the Men's Shelter of Charlotte residency in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County for, at minimum, the two weeks preceding request to access emergency shelter. Consideration may be granted for otherwise eligible men coming from other service areas within the United Way of Central Carolinas region (Anson, Cabarrus, Union, and Mooresville/Lake Norman area in Southern Iredell County) provided no emergency shelters are operated in those counties; and
4. Have severely limited or no income resources. Severely limited income is typically considered as averaging less than \$250 per week in total income resources, however final determination of income eligibility will be made by the Men's Shelter of Charlotte.

The Men's Shelter of Charlotte maintains that emergency shelter is not an appropriate discharge option for men exiting permanent or transitional housing programs, adult care facilities, prison, or mental health institutions regardless of discharge reason. The Men's Shelter does not accept registered sex offenders. Nor does the Men's Shelter condone emergency shelter as an appropriate temporary placement in order for someone to attend college or technical training institutes. Emergency shelter must be reserved for homeless persons with no other options. These factors will be considered by the Men's Shelter of Charlotte when determining eligibility.

The Men's Shelter of Charlotte reserves the right to deny access to its facilities and/or programs for any reason the agency deems appropriate. Furthermore, entry into Men's Shelter of Charlotte's case management, housing, or other programs and activities is granted at the sole discretion of Men's Shelter of Charlotte staff. Questions regarding eligibility criteria should be directed to the Men's Shelter of Charlotte's Program Director, Stephanie Wheless at 704.334.3187 x 131.