

Be a Fair Housing Tester

Fight discrimination with Legal Aid



What's a Tester?

Fair Housing Testers act as prospective tenants by calling rental properties or visiting in person and expressing interest. They complete detailed reports on their experience for the Housing Discrimination Law Project at Legal Aid. Tester reports are then compared to see if they were treated differently based on their identities.

Why test?

Housing discrimination is a real problem but proving it can be hard. Often, it's not as explicit as saying "we don't rent to people of a certain race." Government agencies and nonprofits use Testers to investigate reports of discrimination. Test results have led to thousands of successful agency complaints, lawsuits and other measures to stamp out housing discrimination. One successful case using Testers even went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court!

We need your help!

Testing programs need diversity. We need people of all races, colors, national origins, abilities, ages and genders. Testers are trained and receive a small stipend for each test. Testers should be dependable and be able to complete a post-test report.

Why should you be a Tester?

Testers help fight housing discrimination. You will be helping people live where they choose. Your work will help ensure that landlords and property owners follow the law.

To become a Tester or learn more, contact:

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