

## **Fair Housing Council of Oregon**

### INFORMATION ON THE TESTING PROCESS:

Testing is one of our best ways of gathering evidence in cases regarding housing discrimination. For the most part, if we feel that the case has merit, we investigate. If there is a vacancy at a property that is in suspect, we send our testers in like secret shoppers. Our testers pretend to be potential tenants or buyers either over the phone or in person. Testers are given a script and follow the basic instructions. Afterwards, our testers write up a report of what happened.

This type of evidence is used nationwide in investigating housing discrimination complaints hence the training you would receive is largely based on the Dept. of Housing and Urban Developments training.

Tester training usually lasts from 2 to 3 hours. After the training, you are given a practice test. We then go over your practice test with you and tell you how you can improve. The only requirement is that you pass our criminal background check.

For each test that you complete for FHCO, you get \$25.00 per phone test, \$50.00 per on-site test (you also get paid for miles). For those that successfully complete the tester-training program with FHCO you will be eligible to do a similar training for the U.S. Department. of Justice. They do periodic weeklong on-site testing at a rate of \$75 per test (+ miles). This should no means be viewed as a job, but still can provide some supplementary income. It is also a way to help further the cause of civil rights so in a sense you are giving your time for a nominal cost to help society.

We are currently in need of the following types of testers (though all interested people are encouraged to apply):

African- Americans (men and women)

Latino - Hispanics (men and women)

Native Americans (men and women)

Whites (men)

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