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## **Virginia Housing to Host Free Webinars for First-Time Homebuyers**

**RICHMOND, Va.** – Are you thinking about buying a home, but not sure where to start? Virginia Housing can help.

*Chatting it up LIVE: Homebuying with Virginia Housing* is a series of free one-hour webinars designed to help first-time homebuyers learn about the process of buying a home. Webinar attendees will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card after each session.

“These webinars are perfect for first-time homebuyers,” said LaDonna Cruse, Housing Education Manager at Virginia Housing. “Topics will include how to qualify for a home loan, down payment and closing cost assistance, and home search tips. Homeownership is much more obtainable than most people realize, and we encourage first-time homebuyers to learn more about the homebuying process. We want them to be ready to make their dreams of owning a home come true.”

### **Learning About Homeownership**

Virginia Housing will host the following free online webinars to discuss important topics for homebuyers:

- [Preparing for Homeownership](#), Feb. 23, 2021 – noon to 1 p.m.
- [Exploring Lenders, Mortgages and the Loan Process](#), Feb. 24, 2021 – noon to 1 p.m.
- [Finding the Right Home](#), Feb. 25, 2021 – noon to 1 p.m.

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The sessions will feature a panel of subject matter experts, including housing counselors, lenders and real estate agents. To learn more and register for the free webinars, visit the Virginia Housing Homebuyer Event Calendar at [VirginiaHousing.com/FindAClass](https://www.virginiahousing.com/FindAClass).

“Even with the challenges that the pandemic has brought us, motivated buyers are still purchasing homes through the use of innovative technology, like virtual counseling sessions and home tours, online loan applications and electronic closings,” said Cruse. “We look forward to supporting Virginia’s first-time homebuyers through these unprecedented times by offering these safe and useful online webinars at no cost.”

### **About Virginia Housing**

When homes are affordable and accessible to jobs, good schools and transportation, everyone benefits. Individual lives are improved and communities as a whole grow stronger. Virginia Housing was created in 1972 by the General Assembly to help Virginians attain quality, affordable housing. We carry out this mission by working in public-private partnerships with local governments, community service organizations, lenders, Realtors, developers and many others. We provide mortgages for first-time homebuyers, as well as financing for apartment communities and neighborhood revitalization efforts. We offer free homebuyer classes, support housing counseling, and help people with disabilities and the elderly make their homes more livable. We also administer the federal Housing Choice Voucher and Housing Credit programs in Virginia. Virginia Housing is self-supporting and receives no state taxpayer dollars to fund our programs. Instead, we raise money in the capital markets, and we contribute a significant portion of our net revenues each year to help meet Virginia’s most difficult housing needs. [www.virginiahousing.com](https://www.virginiahousing.com)

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