CertRent

NYC rental application checklist

RENTAL APPLICATION CHECKLIST — have these ready before you apply

Identity
[ ] Government photo ID (driver's license, passport, or IDNYC)

Income (usually ~40x monthly rent, or a guarantor at ~80x)
[ ] Recent pay stubs (last 2-4) OR
[ ] Employment offer/verification letter OR
[ ] Bank statements / tax return if self-employed

Rental history
[ ] Current and past addresses
[ ] Landlord names and contact info
[ ] Proof of on-time rent (bank records or a verified profile)

Financial
[ ] Bank account statements (last 2-3 months)
[ ] Credit report (bring your own recent one — NY landlords must waive the $20 app fee if you do)

References
[ ] Past-landlord reference(s)
[ ] Optional: employer or personal reference

Money to move in
[ ] First month's rent
[ ] Security deposit (max one month in NY)
[ ] Note: broker fee is usually NOT yours to pay under the FARE Act

Tip: A CertRent profile bundles your ID, bank-verified rent + income, and references into one link — so you can hand over all of the above for free, and may qualify for the fee waiver.