

The Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS Affordable Hearing Aid Program

Please note: Although administered by the LHCS, this program is considered a local Club service.

Eligibility Criteria to be Considered:

1. Applicant must be unable to seek relief from other external sources such as insurance, Medicaid, government assistance, or the VA, among others.
2. Applicant must be unable to access financial aid from personal resources or other family members.
3. Applicant’s income level should be at or below 200% of the poverty level.
4. *Before sending out the Aid Application, make sure you fill in your club’s information at the bottom of page 3.*
5. Tell the applicant to bring the application with him to the audiologist so that page 3 can be completed.
6. Sponsoring Club must interview applicant for eligibility either in-person or by phone to verify information given, with the hope that this will personalize the program for the recipient and offer the Club local recognition.
7. LHCS reserves the right to determine final eligibility.

Please note that the Lions Hearing Conservation Society (LHCS) recognizes that every application for assistance is unique. Clubs should use the following table as a guide for determining financial eligibility and that exceptions may be considered.

200% of 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines – Continental U.S.

Family Size	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income
1	\$25,520	\$2,127
2	\$34,480	\$2,873
3	\$43,440	\$3,620
4	\$52,400	\$4,367
5	\$61,360	\$5,113
6	\$70,320	\$5,860
7	\$79,280	\$6,607
8	\$88,240	\$7,353
Each additional	\$8,960	\$747

(ref: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>)

What to do in Case the Club Cannot Afford to Help the Person on their Own:

Please feel free to contact the Lions Hearing Conservation Society (LHCS) or any District officer for LHCS contact information. LHCS will consider a cost-sharing partnership with the sponsoring Club so the eligible recipient can receive our help.

What About Professional (Audiologist) Services?

Historically, the recipient is responsible for any professional services, such as a required hearing test, ear mold sizing, hearing aid fittings, etc.

We recognize that every situation is unique, so under exceptional circumstances, the sponsoring Club may wish to consider funding these or other professional services on the recipient's behalf and as part of the Club's assistance efforts.

If the sponsoring club cannot afford to do this on their own but feel the recipient has special circumstances, the sponsoring Club can contact the LHCS for possible assistance.

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Club Checklist:

- [] Recipient meets eligibility guidelines as judged by sponsoring Club.
- [] Recipient has completed and signed the application.
- [] Audiologist's Report (pg.3 of the application) has been completed and signed by treating audiology office. **Please note:** The hearing aids will only be shipped to the audiologist's office.
- [] Contact the Hearing Society for cost of selected model at dgmicheleohare@gmail.com or 518-475-1908.
- [] Check is payable to "Lions Hearing Conservation Society"
- [] Complete and sign the Order Form

Order Submission Instructions:

- A completed order form signed by a Club representative,
- a completed recipient application that includes the applicant's signature, the audiologist's signature and the model number and quantity of hearing aid(s) requested,
- and a check from the Club's share of covering the cost of the units

should all be mailed to: Lions Hearing Conservation Society
 301 Washington Ave
 Albany, NY 12206

LHCS will in turn review the information for completeness, deposit the Club's check, and include a check from the LHCS with the order to the manufacturer.