

The Hard of Hearing Program has compiled a list of resources to assist those in need of financial support in obtaining hearing aids and/or assistive listening devices.

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) has a list of financial support resources at <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/financial-assistance-programs-foundations>

Youth Resources:

1. First Hand Foundation

www.firsthandfoundation.org

Services: provides funding so individual children may have access to health care

Eligibility: birth to 18 that do not have adequate health insurance

Click on “Request Funding” link.

2. Children’s Hearing Aid Program (CHAP)

<http://health.utah.gov/cshcn/programs/chap.html>

Services: make previously owned hearing aids available to hearing impaired children throughout Utah.

Eligibility: birth to 5 years old, must not qualify for hearing aids through insurance, Medicaid or CHIP

Applications are through the Utah Department of Health. **The Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP)** can be used for children 6 to 18 years old. Click the HARP tab halfway down the page for more information. Phone numbers and office locations are included in the packet.

3. Hike Fund, Inc.

www.thehikefund.org

Services: provides hearing aids and assistive listening devices to children

Eligibility: Children under the age of 20 with limited financial resources

Applications not available until March 2016. Check website for updates.

4. United Health Care Children’s Fund

www.uhccf.org

Services: provide medical financial relief for families

Eligibility: children with medical needs are not covered by their commercial health benefit plan

Applications are available online only. Click on the “Applicant” link at the bottom of the page for an online application.

5. Foundation for Sight and Sound

www.foundationforsightandsound.org

Services: provides hearing aids and limited service

Eligibility: high school seniors with limited financial resources.

Applications are available online and printed in the packet. Deadline is March 29, 2015. Online in the menu on the left side click on scholarships and find the “National Scholarships” in the same menu on the left.

6. 2Ears2Hear

www.2ears2hear.org

Services: 2Ears2Hear collects BAHA and Pronto Pro sound processors which are refurbished and provided to children with microtia and aural atresia at no cost. The target age group is children between 4 and 10 years old.

Applications is online. Click on “For Parents and Guardians”.

Resources for all ages:

1. Olive Osmond Fund

www.hearingfund.org

Services: Offers resources to help accommodate the deaf and hard of hearing acquire hearing aids.

Eligibility: For those with a limited income, availability chart is on the application.

Applications are available online (click on services) and in the packet.

2. Sound of Life

www.soundoflifefoundation.org

Services: Provides hearing aids. (\$175 processing fee for each aid.)

Eligibility: Low income with no other resources available.

Applications are available online and in the packet.

3. AUDIENT Program

www.audientalliance.org

Services: access new digital hearing aids and care at reduced cost

Eligibility: All ages, based on income

Application is online and printed in the packet. On their webpage click Patients and look for a menu to the right for an application.

4. CareCredit

www.carecredit.com

Services: monthly payment program designed to pay for health care expenses not covered by insurance

Eligibility: All ages based on income

Application is online only. Click “Apply” to begin your application.

5. Colorado Neurological Institute

www.thecni.org

Services: Assurances programs for Cochlear Implants and Baha devices

Eligibility: all ages

Must be referred by a doctor, fill out forms available on their website. Click on “Patient Services” to learn more.

6. Miracle Ear Foundation <http://www.miracle-ear.com/miracle-ear-foundation>

Services: provides new or reconditioned “miracle-Ear” hearing aids and services

Eligibility: All ages.

Application available online and printed in the packet.

7. Hear Now - Starkey Hearing

<https://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/hear-now>

Services provides new and reconditioned hearing aids to those who qualify

Eligibility: all ages based on income guidelines

No application available. Get in touch with Starkey by phone 800-328-8602 or email hearnow@starkeyfoudnation.org

8. TPA Scholarship of America

www.tpahq.org

Services: financial aid or assistance to deaf and hard of hearing individuals

Eligibility: all ages with limited financial resources

Application online, click “Community Services” then “Scholarship Trust for Hearing Impaired”. It’s also printed in the packet.

9. Utah Assistive Technology Foundation

www.uatf.org

Services: works with Zion Bank to provide low-interest loans for assistive technology and telework devices

Eligibility: all ages

The application is available online and printed in this packet

10. Utah Independent Living Center

www.uilc.org

Services: provides assistive technology related services to increase personal independence

Eligibility: all ages

Contact them to obtain services.

11. Vocational Rehabilitation

www.usor.utah.gov/vr

Services: assist and empower eligible individuals with disabilities to achieve meaningful employment

Eligibility: ages 14 and up based on income guidelines

Application is online and printed in the packet. From their main website, click “Apply”.

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