



MAINE LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION

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MLSHF Hearing Assistance Program and Resources for Lions Clubs

The Maine Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's (MLSHF) Hearing Assistance Program is available to all Maine Lions Clubs. Refurbished hearing aids are available to qualified applicants for \$150 each. Clubs are welcomed to use the application available on the MaineLions.org web site. The club can have the applicant responsible for paying the mold process fee of \$65 (recommended) or the club can cover the cost

When a Maine Lions Club approves an applicant for a hearing aid the application should be forwarded to the MLSHF Hearing Assistance Coordinator. The HA Coordinator will contact the applicant and schedule the first visit.

If the applicant has a copy of a current hearing test, they should bring it to the first visit. If not, a hearing test will be given.

At the first visit the applicant is interviewed and their ears checked, including a hearing test or a review of the applicant's test provided. They will determine which ear will be fit and take an impression of that ear to start the process. The \$65 molding fee is due at this visit unless the club is covering the cost, then the HA Coordinator will send a bill to the club.

If a second hearing aid is needed, the HA Coordinator will contact the club to discuss. This sometimes happens based on hearing loss and lifestyle of the individual.

At the second visit, about a month later, the applicant is fitted for the hearing aid and trained on the insertion and care. A bill for the hearing aid(s) will be sent to the club at this time.

In the event a club or area clubs has several individuals in need of hearing assistance, a hearing clinic may be scheduled at a specific location.

The applicant never owns the hearing aid but is allowed to use it as long as needed. They are responsible for the care, maintenance, and batteries that the hearing aid needs during the time they have it.

If the club cannot afford to assist an applicant, they can forward the request to the MLSHF mainelionssightandhearing@gmail.com. If you have any questions about the Hearing Aid Assistance Program or individual Lions Club pre-approved applicants, please contact Hearing Specialist Lion Chuck Whittier, c.w.dcci@gmail.com or 207-749-1028