

# LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

## Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

### Affordable Hearing Aid Program

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- Through an application process, the Lions of Michigan Foundation’s Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers provide affordable hearing aids for low-income people in Michigan who suffer from hearing loss.
- All applicants for the Affordable Hearing Aid Program should be sponsored by a Michigan Lions Club or Lions District that can provide help in completing the application and may provide additional resources and services.
- All Hearing Aid Applications must include a copy of the applicant’s hearing examination (audiogram) dated within 6 months of the application date, proof of Michigan residency (Michigan Driver’s License or Identification Card), proof of annual household income (a federal income tax return must be submitted for each applicant who is required to file), verification of health insurance coverage, and a listing of the applicant’s assets (home equity, savings, retirement accounts, etcetera).
- Applications for hearing aid assistance are prioritized based on the overall financial and medical need of the applicant, and applicants with annual household incomes up to 325% of Federal Poverty Guidelines may qualify for hearing aid assistance.

Number of Household Members	Top Qualifying Annual Household Income For Level 1 Assistance	Top Qualifying Annual Household Income For Level 2 Assistance	Top Qualifying Annual Household Income For Level 3 Assistance
1	\$15,950.00	\$28,710.00	\$41,470.00
2	\$21,550.00	\$38,790.00	\$56,030.00
3	\$27,150.00	\$48,870.00	\$70,590.00
4	\$32,750.00	\$58,950.00	\$85,150.00
5	\$38,350.00	\$69,030.00	\$99,710.00
6	\$47,937.50	\$79,110.00	\$114,270.00

- The Sponsoring Lions Club or District representative should work in cooperation with the District’s Hearing and Speech Committee Chair or a Lion of Michigan Foundation Trustee to ensure that the Affordable Hearing Aid Application is complete and all of the supporting documents have been collected.
- Once the application is complete and all supporting documents have been collected, the application and supporting documents should be forwarded to the Lions Hearing Centers office for review and action.

- Lions Hearing Center staff will review all applications in a timely manner, and the applicant and/or sponsoring Lions Club/District will be notified in writing as to whether the application was approved or denied.
- If the application is approved, the applicant and/or sponsoring Lions Club/District will be provided with a copy of a Hearing Aid Selection Form (Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3) based on the approved applicant's annual household income, assets and related factors.
- The Hearing Aid Selection Form must be completed in consultation with the hearing professional who has agreed to dispense the hearing aids to the applicant.
- The completed Hearing Aid Selection Form and co-pay must be submitted to the Lions Hearing Center office before any hearing aids will be ordered.
- Upon receipt of the completed Hearing Aid Selection Form and appropriate co-pay, Lions Hearing Center staff will order the hearing aids from its suppliers, and the aids will be sent directly to the applicant's hearing professional for dispensing.
- All hearing aids include the manufacturer's standard warranty for new production hearing aids (1 to 3 years, parts and labor), and all hearing aids, except custom hearing aids (Canal, Behind the Ear, In the Ear, etcetera), will be provided with a 60-trial period. Hearing aid co-pays will be refunded in total for all non-custom aids returned within the 60-day trial period.
- A replacement aid may be purchased within 4 years of the original application approval date for hearing aids that are lost or damaged and not covered under the manufacturer's warranty. Level 1 clients may obtain a replacement aid for \$250 each, and Level 2 clients may obtain a replacement aid for \$350 each.
- Hearing testing fees, hearing aid dispensing fees, and other audiology charges will normally be the responsibility of the applicant and/or the applicant's sponsor.