



Please read carefully as instructions have changed*

STEP 1: CLUB DECIDES TO SPONSOR A PATIENT

The Northwest Lions Foundation is a funding source of last resort intended for the needy residents of Washington & Northern Idaho. Patient eligibility requirements: 1) must be a resident within the boundaries of Washington & Northern Idaho. 2) financially unable to pay for his or her own hearing care through personal resources, health insurance, government assistance, or other social services. 3) Patient must have a 40+ db HL (Pure Tone Average or Speech Reception Threshold) to qualify.

Qualified patients will be fit with new digital Starkey - Aries BTE (behind the ear) hearing aid(s) only, including ear-mold(s) if required. Only approved applications will be eligible, any other make, model or style will not be considered:

We ask that each club income qualify patients. The foundation has no standard method for income qualifying of individuals, leaving that to the Club's discretion. *The Foundation recommends that each club consider individuals at or below 133% of the Federal Poverty Level*, (see attached). The foundation understands that many extenuating circumstances exist, so the Federal Poverty Level is simply a guideline. In cases where an individual falls above our recommended guidelines please include a brief statement regarding why your club is still considering them for sponsorship. This should be no longer than 1 page.

Note – Patients will have a one-time personal Co-Pay of \$50.00. This must be paid directly to the service provider's office at the time of their fitting appointment.

STEP 2: TALK TO THE SERVICE PROVIDER

The starting point will vary. In some cases, an applicant will already have a hearing care provider. In others, the applicant will need help finding a provider. We do encourage you to contact a provider you have used in the past and explain the new Hearing Program to them. *In either case, it is the club's responsibility to contact the provider to see if they will provide the audiogram, fitting, molds, one-month follow-up and 6 month checkup using our provider service schedule pricing (attached).*

If you are not able to seek out a provider, feel free to call us, we may be able to refer you to a provider. Again, it is the club's responsibility to contact hearing providers and work with them to be sure they understand how our program works.

STEP 3: SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

Send completed Hearing Aid Program application to the Foundation **BEFORE** the patient is treated. Fax: 206-838-4627, email: marshar@nlfoundation.org or Northwest Lions Foundation, 1200 6th Ave., Seattle, WA 98101. **Once the completed and approved application is received, a confirmation letter will be sent to the club.** The Club will inform the patient of the approval and ask them to contact the provider to make an appointment. We will then forward the patient's application to the provider.

Patients will have a one-time personal Co-Pay of \$50.00 due to the provider prior to service. The Co-Pay must be paid directly to the provider's office at the time of their first appointment.

STEP 4: BILLING & PAYMENT

Once the patient is fit with the hearing aids, the hearing care provider should send the invoice for the fitting fee directly to the Northwest Lions Foundation. We will pay the invoice at the foundations approved rate and bill your Club for half.

Patient eligibility - Income Qualification

Each patient should be income qualified by the sponsoring Lions Club. Patients who qualify for hearing aids generally are those who fall at or below the Federal Poverty Level. Once the patient has been income qualified, the sponsoring Lions Club should send the completed Lions Hearing Aid Program Application to the Northwest Lions Foundation.

The following guidelines are the 2015 Federal Poverty Levels. There may be extenuating circumstances, each patient is different. Again, this is a guide; however the foundation expects Lions Clubs to follow this guide as closely as is reasonably possible.

2015 Federal Poverty Level – Effective February 4, 2015

	Family Size	100% FPL	133% FPL	185% FPL	200% FPL
Annual Income	1	\$11,770	\$15,654	\$21,775	\$23,540
	2	\$15,930	\$21,187	\$29,471	\$31,860
	3	\$20,090	\$26,720	\$37,167	\$40,180
	4	\$24,250	\$32,253	\$44,863	\$48,500
	5	\$28,410	\$37,785	\$52,559	\$56,820
	6	\$32,570	\$43,318	\$60,255	\$65,140
	7	\$36,730	\$48,851	\$67,951	\$73,460
	8	\$40,890	\$54,384	\$75,647	\$81,780

Northwest Lions Foundation

Restoring Sight, Hope, & Hearing



Lions Hearing Program

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1200 6th Ave., Ste. 300
Seattle, WA 98101

Phone: (206) 682-8500
Toll free: (800) 847-5786
Fax: (206) 838-4627
www.nlfoundation.org

Please submit this signed and completed application with an explanation of the process your club used to determine financial need for this applicant to the address or fax number above.

Applicant Information:

Full Name (Please Print) _____

Address, City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone Number (contact person): _____ Age: _____ Male Female

Contact person: _____ Relation to patient: _____

Patients will have a one-time personal Co-Pay of \$50.00. This must be paid directly to the service provider at the time of their first appointment.

Provider Information:

Provider: _____ Clinic Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone number: _____

City, State & zip: _____ Fax number: _____

Club Information:

Club: _____ Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address (C, S, Z): _____

Phone number: _____ Fax number: _____ E-mail address: _____

The Northwest Lions Foundation will pay half of the costs associated with any approved application! These include the cost of the hearing evaluation, the hearing aids, the ear molds, and the fitting. Inform the provider that their invoice should be sent to the Northwest Lions Foundation. We will pay for hearing aids and provider services then invoice your club for half.

By signing below, we endorse this application and understand that the Northwest Lions Foundation presents this program as a service and that there is no implied or implicit guarantee on the products or services received.

Signature of Lions Club President _____ Date _____

Signature of Lions Club Secretary _____ Date _____

Please enclose an explanation of the process your club used to determine financial need for this applicant.



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Hearing Provider Participation Agreement with the Northwest Lions Foundation

This reimbursement schedule for providers working with the Northwest Lions Foundation is for your professional time and the following services:

Patient audiometric evaluation, impression taking, ordering of earmolds (when necessary), fitting and programming of Starkey Aries hearing aid(s), providing one post fit visit and one 6 month checkup.

Following the fitting invoice the Northwest Lions Foundation for:

Monaural fitting - \$200.00

Binaural fitting - \$350.00

Once patient is approved, Earmolds (if necessary) are to be ordered direct from Starkey using the Northwest Lions Foundation account number E0293 and the P/O provided on the client approval letter. Please advise your unique Starkey ship to account number for your office _____.

Additionally all patients are responsible for a one Co-Payment of \$50.00 paid to your office at the time of fitting. The Northwest Lions Foundation is not responsible for any other expenses or services rendered. Only approved applications will be reimbursed.

I/We have read the above information on the hearing benefits through the Northwest Lions Foundation and agree to the terms and provisions as a participating provider. Please fill out and fax back to the Northwest Lions Foundation. Fax - 206-838-4627

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____

Authorized Signer (Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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