

# Who is Affected by Hearing Loss?

**We are all affected by  
hearing loss socially, in  
the workplace, or at home.**

It is estimated that 3 in 1,000 infants are born with serious to profound hearing loss.

**1 in 5 teenagers have some type  
of hearing loss**

1 in 14 adults age 34-50, already have a hearing loss

1 in 4 of those aged between 55-65 have difficulty hearing

**4 in 10 people over the  
age of 65 have a  
hearing loss**



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## Hearing Aid Assistance

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Today's average out-of-pocket expense for one new hearing aid is approximately \$2,000-\$3,000.

However, due to the efforts of those involved in the Nebraska Hearing Aid Bank program, refurbished hearing aids can be provided.

The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing works with the Barkley Memorial Center of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sertoma, Lions Club International and HearU Nebraska to provide hearing aids.

**Sertoma** is an international organization whose purpose is to provide service to mankind. The Sertoma Hearing Aid Bank (SHAB) provides refurbished hearing aids to citizens of Nebraska age 65 and older.

**Lions Club** International Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP) promotes the collection, refurbishing and distribution of donated hearing aids to Nebraska residents ages 19-64, who demonstrate financial need.

**HearU Nebraska**, formerly the Nebraska Children's Hearing Aid Bank, provides hearing aids to children 0-18 with priority to newly identified children ages 0-3.

# How to Apply for a Hearing Aid

Applications are available from the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) at our website: [www.ncdhh.nebraska.gov](http://www.ncdhh.nebraska.gov)

Completed applications are returned to NCDHH and applicants will be notified if they qualify under the financial guidelines.

A recent audiogram, no older than six months, is needed to fit your hearing aids. You will receive a list of providers with your approval letter.

You will be responsible for the cost of the initial hearing test if your insurance does not provide coverage. You may also be responsible for earmolds (about \$50 each) and a second hearing aid, if needed (\$85).



Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of applicants who require hearing technology. At the same time, we are also experiencing a severe shortage of donations. Without these valuable donations, we are unable to provide the gift of hearing to those who desperately need it.

Both Sertoma and the Lions accept donations. Please consider donating your unused new or old hearing aids. This will help us continue our mission of assisting those in need.

Hearing aids can be donated to the Lions Hearing Aid Bank or the Sertoma Hearing Aid Bank, through local clubs or individual members. A donation of hearing aids or funds for the bank is tax deductible. Receipts will be provided, if requested. Used hearing aids can be sent to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Speech and Hearing Clinic at:

**UNL - Speech and Hearing Clinic**  
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