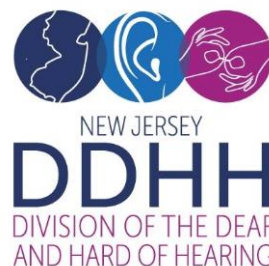




New Jersey Department of Human Services
Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
**Equipment Distribution Program
Eligibility Application**



The New Jersey Department of Human Services' (DHS) Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) provides free assistive devices to deaf or hard of hearing individuals through the Equipment Distribution Program (EDP). Since 1993, the DDHH has operated this program to ensure that New Jersey residents with hearing loss have access to critical telecommunications and vital home safety alerting equipment. Upon meeting program eligibility, individuals receive communication devices at no cost.

Program Eligibility:

- Must have hearing loss
- Must be a New Jersey resident
- Total combined household income must not be greater than 400% of the federal poverty level.

Number of people living in household	2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines
1	\$60,240
2	\$81,760
3	\$103,280
4	\$124,800
5	\$146,320
*For each additional person, add \$21,520	Source U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Please complete the application using the checklist below:

- ☐ A **copy** of ONE (1) document from **List A** to establish residency and identity. **(Page 2)**
 - ☐ OR a **copy** of ONE (1) document from **List B** to establish identity AND a **copy** of ONE (1) document to establish residency. **(Page 2)**
- ☐ Applicant's signature **(Page 2)**
- ☐ Include email address for UPS tracking updates **(Page 3)**
- ☐ Certification of Disability completed by treating provider, with signature. **(Page 4)**
- ☐ Review of Conditions of Acceptance, with signature. **(Page 5)**
- ☐ Equipment selected **(Pages 6-9)**
- ☐ Joint or individual **copy** of most recent tax return OR W2s showing household income OR a letter from your Employer OR Award Letter from a Social Service Agency OR US Department of Veterans Affairs.
- ☐ Submit application by mail, fax, or email:

DDHH Equipment Distribution Program
PO Box 074
Trenton, NJ 08625-0074

Fax: 609-588-2528
Email: DDHH.communications2@dhs.nj.gov

SECTION 1: Please provide a copy of one (1) document from List A OR a copy of one (1) document from List B AND a copy of one (1) document from List C.

List A

Documents that establish both identity and residency

Select one from the list below

- NJ or Municipal ID card
- NJ Driver's License
- NJ Student ID
- Utility, cell phone, or internet bill
- Bank/insurance statement
- Tax Returns, last two years
- Paystub from employer
- Rent receipt, lease, mortgage
- Letter from social service agency
- Letter from health care provider
- Letter from government agency

List B

Documents that establish identity

Select one from the list below

- Student ID card
- Student Transcript
- Passport
- Birth Certificate
- Driver License from another country
- Consulate ID card
- A child's U.S. birth certificate and your name
- Letter from IRS or ITIN
- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- U.S. court document

List C

Documents that establish residency

Select one from the list below

Signed and dated letter including the full name and phone number of the individual writing the letter from one of the following:

- Landlord
- Representative of worship
- Medical provider
- Service provider
- Shelter acknowledging NJ residency

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Application Form

SECTION 2: This form will be scanned for computerized data capture. Please follow the instructions to ensure that the application is processed quickly and accurately.

- Use blue or black ink only.
- Print clearly, in uppercase letters.
- Correct errors with white correction fluid.

IMPORTANT: If the equipment is for a minor, please complete this application on their behalf.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____ Pronoun(s): ☐ She/Her ☐ He/Him ☐ They/Them

DOB: ____/____/____

Telephone Number: _____

Check one: ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Videophone

Email Address: _____

IMPORTANT: Email addresses will be used to provide UPS tracking updates.

How do you identify: ☐ Deaf ☐ Hard of Hearing

Check one: ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Profound ☐ Unable to speak or sign

Mailing Address:

Street: _____ City: _____

County: _____ Zip Code: _____

Physical Address (if different from Mailing Address):

Street: _____ City: _____

County: _____ Zip Code: _____

I certify to the best of my knowledge that I meet the program's eligibility requirements and the information in this application is true and correct.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

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Certification of Disability

SECTION 3: This portion of the application must be completed by a treating service provider. Provider, please verify and certify that the applicant will benefit from the use of the requested technology.

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Applicant Name: _____

Provider Information:

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____

Business Information:

Street: _____ City: _____

County: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Certification/License Number: _____

Expiration Date (MM/DD/YY): _____

Provider Profession:

- ☐ Doctor/Physician
- ☐ Audiologist
- ☐ Hearing Aid Specialist Speech
- ☐ Pathologist
- ☐ Other (please describe): _____

Provider Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Conditions of Acceptance

SECTION 4: Please review the following section in its entirety.

I understand and agree to the following:

- Equipment is the property of the State of New Jersey. I will not sell, pawn, give, or loan the equipment to individuals outside of my household. If I do, I understand I can be criminally prosecuted.
- If the equipment request is for a minor, all equipment, obligations, and responsibilities will be transferred at the age of 18.
- DHS and DDHH are not liable for any and all claims, damages, and expenses that arise out of the use or misuse of equipment by myself or anyone else.
- Signature is required for delivery.
- After three (3) delivery attempts, the shipping service will return the equipment to sender.
- If I do not provide changes to information, including but not limited to a change in address, phone number, or email address to DDHH, shipping may be delayed.
- DHS and DDHH are not responsible for service plans or bills associated with equipment.
- DDHH will **not** replace a device that is damaged due to breakage, it is recommended a protective case be purchased if applicable.
- If the equipment is not working, I will **not** try to repair it or take it apart.
- If equipment is returned and DDHH determines it has been damaged, a replacement will **not** be allowed.
- Equipment will only be replaced if it is within the warranty period.
- If the equipment is reported as lost, a replacement will **not** be allowed.
- If the equipment is stolen or damaged by someone other than me, a police report must be filed and a copy of the report must be provided to DDHH before a replacement is allowed.
- Before an out of state move, I will contact DDHH to arrange the return of equipment.
- Arrangement must be made to return equipment if I am unable to do so.
- There is a wait of five (5) years before requesting identical equipment. I can reapply for identical equipment after five (5) years.
- There is a limit of one (1) identical equipment per application.
- There is a limit of one (1) wireless device per application.
- If a Smartphone is selected, a cellular service plan is required. All Smartphones offered in this program are “unlocked” so that the individual may choose a service provider of their choice.
- I am responsible for the cost for the cellular plan. Applicants in need of low-cost internet service may be eligible through LifeLine: [Home - Universal Service Administrative Company \(lifelinesupport.org\)](http://lifelinesupport.org)
- The tablets are Wi-Fi only and do not require a service plan.
- DDHH does not provide protective cases for the wireless devices. The devices are subject to breakage, if they are dropped. DDHH will not replace a device that is damaged due to breakage.
- It is against the law to file false statements. If I provide false statements in this application or regarding equipment, I understand I can be criminally prosecuted.
- If I fail to follow these Conditions of Acceptance, I can be denied the benefit of having equipment offered by the NJ DDHH.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

New Jersey Equipment Distribution Program

Devices Available: (Select All That Apply)

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Sonic Alert HA360MK-II

- Includes HA360M-II HomeAware Main Unit with Integrated Smoke/Co Listener
- Includes HA360SA Doorbell Button
- Includes HA360V-II Bed Shaker
- Scrolling 2-inch alert display
- Strobe, vibration, and audible notifications
- Up to a 105dB audible alarm
- Customizable alerting
- Accessible through available smartphone app
- Works with weather radio and home security system
- One (1) year warranty.

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Sonic Alert HA360B

- Optional, add on to the Sonic Alert HA360MK-II
- Connects to the HomeAware Main unit, transmitters, and receivers
- Ultra-high brightness strobe for maximum visibility
- Fully-charged battery lasts for 48 hours
- Charges full within two (2) hours
- One (1) year warranty

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Nighthawk 900-0230

- Carbon monoxide alarm
- Digital display
- Continuous digital readout
- Ten (10) year warranty

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Devices Available: (Select All That Apply)

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Clarity XLC8

- Amplified phone
- Compatible with landline or cell phone
- Amplifies incoming sound up to 50dB
- Slow speech feature slows down live speech of caller
- Answering machine with slow playback
- DECT6.0 technology for interference free communication
- Extra loud ringer (90dB) with adjustable tones
- Hearing aid compatible
- One (1) year warranty

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Geemarc Amplipower60+

- Amplified phone
- Receiver volume control of up to 67dB
- Tone control ± 10 dB
- Adjustable ringer volume
- Hearing aid compatible
- Extra bright visual ringer indicator (strobe)
- Shaker output
- One (1) year warranty

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Minicom IV

- Teletypewriter (TTY)
- Turbo Code and Auto ID
- Tilted 20-character display
- 43-key, 4 row keyboard
- Printer port to connect an external printer.
- One (1) year warranty

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VTech DM221

- Baby monitor
- DECT6.0 digital technology eliminates background noise and prevents interference
- Vibrating sound-alert
- 5- level sound indicator for visual monitoring
- Doubles as a night light
- One (1) year warranty

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Devices Available: (Select ONE)

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Tablet - Apple iPad 64GB

- 64GB
- Wi-Fi only
- Requires access to internet service
- Includes a three (3) year warranty

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Tablet - Samsung Galaxy S6 Lite

- 64GB
- Wi-Fi only
- Requires access to internet service
- Includes a three (3) year warranty

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Smartphone - Apple iPhone 13

- 64GB
- Wi-Fi and 4G
- Requires access to internet service
- Includes a three (3) year warranty

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Smartphone - Google Pixel 5A

- 128GB
- Wi-Fi and 4G
- Requires access to internet service
- Includes a three (3) year warranty

IMPORTANT: The device will come with the following deaf and hard of hearing accessible apps pre-installed: IP Relay, Video Relay Service, IP Captioned Telephone Service, Video Calls & Video Messaging.

SECTION 5: If you are assisting someone else in completing this application? Please complete the following portion.

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1. Please check one of the following boxes regarding relationship to the applicant.

☐ Guardian/Family Member

☐ Advocate

☐ Friend

☐ Social Worker

☐ Attorney

☐ Other (please specify):

☐ Agency

Last Name: _____ Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.): _____

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Email Address: _____

IMPORTANT: Email addresses will be used to provide UPS tracking updates.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preparer's Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FORM BY:

MAIL:

Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Equipment Distribution Program
PO Box 074
Trenton, NJ 08625-0074

OR FAX:

(609) 588-2528

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:

(609) 588-2648

(800) 792-8339

(609) 503-4862 videophone

EMAIL:

DDHH.communications2@dhs.nj.gov

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

☐ ELIGIBLE

☐ INELIGIBLE, REASON: _____

VERIFIED BY: _____

DATE: _____

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