

Hearing Evaluation Services of Buffalo, Inc.



Dr. Ann Stadelmaier Hearing Aid Fund

Applicant Information Sheet

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Dr. Ann Stadelmaier (1953-2006), an audiologist, executive director of Hearing Evaluation Services of Buffalo and Kenmore Lion passed away after a long battle with cancer in August 2006. Dr. Stadelmaier was dedicated to helping hearing-impaired individuals meet their hearing needs regardless of their ability to pay. It was a final wish of hers that a fund be established to help those in need achieve their hearing goals.

Mission: The Dr. Ann Stadelmaier Hearing Aid Fund has been established to provide hearing assistance to individuals in need who cannot otherwise afford these services in the Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties.

Eligibility Criteria: Eligibility is based on financial and audiological need. To apply for funding the applicant is to submit a financial assistance application along with a copy of their most recently filed IRS tax return and a copy of a recent audiogram. The Dr. Ann Stadelmaier Case Review Committee will determine if eligibility criteria are met. Each applicant will receive a letter from the committee following the review.

Approved applicants will receive the following:

- One new Oticon digital hearing aid in either a full-shell, half-shell, canal or behind-the-ear style. An earmold is included for behind-the-ear hearing aid users.
- Telephone coils (T-Coils) are available on behind-the-ear hearing aids for those who have difficulty hearing over the phone.
- A three-year factory repair warranty.
- Hearing aid evaluation, fitting and follow-up (for one year) at Hearing Evaluation Services of Buffalo, Inc., unless otherwise directed by the review committee.

Patient Responsibility:

- To submit a financial assistance application along with their most recently filed IRS tax return and a copy of a recent audiogram (within one year).
- If the applicant does not have a recent audiogram they should contact Hearing Evaluation Services to schedule an appointment (833-4488).
- Once the approval letter is received the patient is to contact Hearing Evaluation Services (833-4488) to schedule an appointment for the Hearing Aid Evaluation, unless other arrangements have been approved by the review committee.
- Based on ability to pay, the patient may be responsible for a one time \$150 dispensing fee which covers all office visits within the first year.

Hearing Evaluation Services realizes that hearing is the basis for all human communication.

It is our wish is to assist those in need.

Please contact our office at 833-4488 if you have any questions, or would like to obtain a financial assistance application.