



# DISTRICT 33Y EMERGENCY SIGHT AND HEARING APPLICATION

Thank you for contacting Lions District 33Y Emergency Sight and Hearing Committee (ESH). Our hope is to provide vision and hearing assistance to those permanently residing in District 33Y (Western Massachusetts counties Hampden, Hampshire, Berkshire, Franklin) who meet the criteria and are approved for assistance. The program is designed to assist those who have **no other resource** available to them. Other options for assistance include: family support, insurance, state Medicaid program, vocational rehabilitation, school district, VA, church groups, state or local programs.

**If the applicant has family support or funds** available in money market accounts, mutual funds, 401(k) plans, IRAs, CDs (Certificates of Deposit), checking/savings accounts, stocks, bonds, T-bills or property, **this may not be the program for you.** Emergency Sight and Hearing considers all possible funding sources when determining eligibility. Only those who fall within the program guidelines for income, assets and vision or hearing loss will be considered for assistance.

- Application Materials are viewed by Emergency Sight and Hearing committee members only
- When eligibility is determined, financial papers are shredded
- Names and addresses of applicants are never sold or shared with others
- **In determining eligibility**, Emergency Sight and Hearing considers the following: funds available from all sources, assets vision or hearing loss.
  - **Household size (household is defined as those living together or dependent of each other)**
  - **Net monthly or annual income from all in the household who have income**  
Possible sources of income are: Social Security and SSI, Public Assistance, AFDC, Wages, Interest or Dividends from Stocks/Bonds, Alimony, Disability, Old Age Pension, IRAs, 401(k), VA Pension, Welfare, Work Pension, Black Lung Payments
  - **Assets (Included, but not restricted to):** Checking, Savings, Annuities, Stocks/Bonds, Money Market Accounts, IRA/401(k), CDs

**Emergency Sight and Hearing reserves the right to change eligibility criteria without prior written notice**

### Before you start

- \_\_\_\_\_ Read the application completely and carefully
- \_\_\_\_\_ Find a vision or hearing healthcare provider in your area who works with Emergency Sight and Hearing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule a vision or hearing test (send a copy with this application – must be less than 9 months old)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gather proof of income for all in the household, and from all sources
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gather copies of most recent 3 bank statements (all accounts, for all household members, and all pages of each statement)

### One final check before you mail the application

- \_\_\_\_\_ Had the vision or hearing test done and included a copy of the test results
- \_\_\_\_\_ Included proof of income for all in the household, from all sources
- \_\_\_\_\_ Included copies of 3 most recent bank statements (all pages, for all in the household)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Included verification of current holding in CD, IRA, 401(k), Annuities, Stocks/Bonds for all in the household

**When you have checked off all the above, you are ready to return this application to your local Lions Club or member.**

**Please wait at least 3 weeks before calling to check on the progress of the application**