

To Interested Applicants:

The Nebraska Equipment Distribution Program is designed to offer monetary assistance to Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, and Speech Impaired Nebraskans in purchasing specialized telecommunications equipment, such as TTY/TT=s, phone amplifiers and signaling devices.

Enclosed is an application form for the Equipment Distribution Program. Please complete the front portion of the application and have a professional certifier complete the applicable portion on the reverse side of the form.

To assist you, a set of guidelines for selecting equipment and determining eligibility is enclosed for completing section B and C on the application. Section B allows you to select your equipment and the eligibility guidelines are contained in Section C of the application.

Your completed application form may be sent to any of the following locations:

Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard Of Hearing - Lincoln
4600 Valley Road Ste. #420
Lincoln, NE 68510-4844

Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard Of Hearing - Omaha
1313 Farnam On-The-Mall
Omaha, NE 68102-1836

Nebraska Public Service Commission
300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street
P.O. Box 94927
Lincoln, NE 68509-4927

Sincerely,

Steven G. Stovall
Staff Accountant

Enclosures

Nebraska Equipment Distribution Program

Program Guidelines

Selection of Equipment guidelines (Section B on application):

- 1). You may check only one box in Part 1. If your selection does not match one of those categories, check the box marked AOther@ and please specify your selection. Remember, only **specialized telephone equipment** can be selected. In other words it must be related to the use of the telephone and specially designed for deaf, hard of hearing, visual and hearing or speech disabilities.
- 2.) You may check only one box in Part 2. This part allows you to select a signaling device. You may choose either a visual, audible or tactile ring (vibrating) signaler. For visual ring signalers, a maximum of only 2 additional remote receivers are allowed.

Eligibility guidelines (Section C on application):

- 1). You must have a hearing, visual and hearing, visual or speech disability which prevents you from using the phone effectively;
- 2). You must be three years of age or older, and can demonstrate the ability to use the equipment;
- 3). You have phone service or have applied for phone service in the state of Nebraska at your place of primary residence;
- 4). You are a current resident of the state of Nebraska;
- 5). Only one person per household may be a recipient of the telecommunications equipment;
- 6). A recipient of equipment may not reapply for assistance more than once every five years.

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