Adult Hearing Services Application

The Lighthouse is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-governmental organization that provides hearing services with dignity and respect to uninsured, low-income people in Georgia.

The hearing aid package is not free. You will have a copayment. Individuals ages 20 years and older may apply once every three (3) years for services based on program funding. The household monthly net income must be within 200% of the federal poverty guideline (page 4).

PLEAS DETACH THE APPLICATION (PAGES 5-11) AND SUBMIT WITH COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION. The estimated time to process your application is 4-6 weeks.

If you are unable or unwilling to provide the requested documentation, your application will not be approved. If complete documentation is not received within 3 months of initial submission, your application will be considered abandoned, and you will have to begin the application process over. You must wait 6 months to reapply.

Please send your application by MAIL OR FAX ONLY:

MAIL: The Lighthouse, 5582 Peachtree Road Chamblee, Georgia 30341
FAX: (770) 406-6558

Hours of operation for The Lighthouse Hearing Department:
Monday – Friday | 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Telephone: 404-325-3630

Application Requirements

In addition to a completed application, you must submit supporting documentation to prove your household income, identification, Georgia residency and unexpired hearing test with a Lighthouse provider.

Please submit COPIES ONLY, no original documents.
The following MUST be submitted for this application to be considered: Failure to include these documents will delay your application and increase the time it takes to get approved. Patients are individually responsible for providing the required documents listed below.

1. **Proof of Georgia residency for at least 12 consecutive months.**
2. **Completed Lighthouse-approved Hearing Provider Recommendation (page 8).**
3. **Signed Medical Clearance or Medical Waiver (page 8)**
4. **Copy of a current hearing test, less than 6 months old, with a Lighthouse provider.**
5. **Completed application with attached supporting documentation.**

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

1) **IDENTIFICATION:** ALL IDENTIFICATION CARDS MUST BE CURRENT (NOT EXPIRED) AND CLEARLY SHOW YOUR PHOTO. *(Please choose one)*
   - Valid state issued driver’s license
   - Valid state issued identification card
   - Passport
   - School identification card
   - Consulate identification card
   - *(Exception: Georgia Medicaid/Medicare card only accepted if 80+ years old and in a licensed nursing home.)*

2) **RESIDENCY:** *(Please choose one)*
   - Copy of current rental agreement including signature page
   - Copy of most recent Mortgage statement
   - Letter from shelter, transitional home, or nursing home stating that you live at that location (on letterhead and signed by shelter or transitional housing employee)
RESIDENCY: (continued)

☐ Copy of a most recent utility bill, including the name of the applicant and service address, from either the applicant or member of household (Utilities only include: gas, water, and electric)

3) INSURANCE:

IF your insurance provides coverage for hearing aids AND you partially or fully insured by a high deductible insurance plan* send the following:

☐ Copy of your insurance Statement of Coverage, including the deductible

*The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) definition of a “High Deductible Insurance Plan” is defined as any health plan with a deductible of at least $1,350 for an individual or $2,700 for a family.

4) INCOME:

Please send **ALL** of the items from this list below that apply to you AND everyone in the household.

☐ Last year’s tax return (include all pages)

☐ Two (2) current consecutive paycheck stubs for bi-weekly pay; or 4 current consecutive paycheck stubs for weekly pay

☐ Current Social Security/Disability Award letter

☐ Current Food Stamp award letter from Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS)

☐ Letter from nursing home (on letterhead and signed by nursing home employee)

☐ Letter from shelter (on letterhead and signed by shelter employee)

☐ Regular payments from alimony, child support, unemployment, union funds, retirement/pension, or other government programs funds

☐ College/university scholarship, grant, fellowship, or assistantship
IMPORTANT: Please be advised that we may request additional supporting documentation such as an official tax transcript. Contact the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at 1-800-908-9946 to request a 4506-T Form for filing or non-filing transcript.

The applicant’s household monthly net income cannot exceed 200% of Federal Poverty Guideline.

### 2020 Income Eligibility Chart
(According to the Federal Poverty Guideline)

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* Household is defined as a social unit comprised of spouses, parents, children, or relatives living in the same dwelling.
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(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY WITH A DARK PEN)

Last Name: _________________________ First Name: _________________________ MI: _____

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: _______________________________ State: Georgia Zip Code: ________________

County of Residence: ______________________________________________________

Home Phone: ______________________________ Mobile Phone: ______________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________________

☐ I do not have an email address.

Date of Birth: ______/_____/______ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Legally Separated ☐ Widowed
(You must provide official court documentation if divorced or legally separated)

Are you employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Are you a Veteran? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are unemployed, please provide the reason:
☐ Disabled (receive SSI/SSDI) ☐ Retired ☐ Unable ☐ Lost Job ☐ Student ☐ Child ☐ Other

Race: ☐ White, not Hispanic or Latino ☐ Black or African American ☐ Asian
☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ Other Race
☐ Decline to Specify

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino ☐ Decline to Specify

Please select the type of insurance coverage you have:
☐ Medicaid ☐ Medicare ☐ PeachCare ☐ Private ☐ Other ☐ None
Does your insurance plan include hearing aid coverage? □ Yes □ No

If yes, are you partially or fully insured by a high deductible insurance plan*? □ Yes □ No

*The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) definition of a “High Deductible Insurance Plan” is defined as any health plan with a deductible of at least $1,350 for an individual or $2,700 for a family.

How many years have you been a Georgia resident? ________

How did you hear about The Lighthouse? □ The Lighthouse □ My Audiologist □ Advertising, Marketing, or Social Media □ Other Organization □ Other Source

Please complete ALL questions above in order for the application to be considered complete.
# Financial Information

In the chart below, list **EVERYONE** - including yourself - living at your address. Include proof of income for **ALL** members of the household. Attach additional household members on separate sheet or list on the back of this page.

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**Total Number of People in Household**

**Total Number of Dependents in Household**

**Total Monthly Net Income** (Combined income for all members of household) $
Provider Recommendation for: ____________________________

Print Patient’s Name

This section must be completed by the hearing professional who performed the hearing test.
You must include a copy of that current hearing test (audiogram).
The Lighthouse does not pay for hearing tests.

Business Name: __________________________________________

Name and Title of Hearing Professional: _______________________

Phone Number: ___________________ Fax Number: ______________

Address: __________________________________________________
City: ____________________________

State: ___________ Zip Code: ___________ Email Address: ____________

Please specify degree of hearing loss:    Mild     Moderate     Moderately Severe     Severe     Profound

Circle the type of hearing aids recommended:
Right Ear:     None     RIC/BTE     ITE     BI CROS

Left Ear:      None     RIC/BTE     ITE     BI CROS

Do you require Medical Clearance for this patient?    Yes        No
If no, patient needs to sign medical waiver on the bottom of this page.

Is this facility a Lighthouse Provider?    Yes        No
If no, patient needs to follow instructions on Page 9.
If no, are you interested in becoming a Lighthouse Provider?    Yes        No

Contact us at 404.325.3630 or visit www.LighthouseGeorgia.org for more information.

Medical Waiver

I have been advised by ______________________ (audiologist/hearing aid dispenser) that
the Food and Drug Administration has determined that my best health interest would be served if I had a
medical evaluation by a licensed physician (preferably a physician who specializes in disease of the ear) before
obtaining a hearing aid. I choose not to have a medical evaluation before obtaining a hearing aid.

_____________________________________________  ____/____/____
Signature of Applicant                           Date

Medical Clearance

I certify that ________________________ (applicant name) was medically examined on ___/___/___ and
may be considered a candidate for hearing aid use.*Must be signed and dated by a licensed physician (M.D.)

_____________________________________________  ____/____/____
Signature of M.D.                           Date

_____________________________________________
Name of M.D. (Please Print)
The Lighthouse Approved Hearing Providers

There are certain hearing providers who work with The Lighthouse hearing program. This means they accept payment from The Lighthouse on your behalf. It also means they abide by the guidelines of The Lighthouse program and agree to provide the services included in your hearing aid package.

For this reason, you **MUST** be a patient of a Lighthouse-approved hearing provider. A list can be found on our website, www.LighthouseGeorgia.org or by calling 404-325-3630.

**What does this mean if you already have a hearing test? Can you use it?**

Maybe. All hearing tests must be current. According to Georgia law, that means it must be 6 months old or less. Furthermore, if your hearing test does not come from a Lighthouse-approved provider, our Lighthouse providers may require you to get a new test from them before you can proceed to be their patient. If you have a current test you wish to use, you will need to ask your new Lighthouse provider if he/she will accept it.

**How do you find a Lighthouse-approved hearing provider?**

You can find a current list of providers at www.LighthouseGeorgia.org, or you can call the Lighthouse Foundation at 404-325-3630 to request a list.

**Once you have the list of providers, please follow these three steps:**

1. Choose a Lighthouse Provider from the provided list.

2. Call the Provider you have chosen. Tell them that you are applying to The Lighthouse for hearing aid assistance and you need a Lighthouse-approved provider.

   * If you **have** a hearing test that is **less than 6 months old**, ask them if they will accept it.
   * If you **do not have** a hearing test, tell them you need one.

3. Ask the Provider if they are willing to accept you as a new patient. If the provider agrees to accept you as a patient, you will see this provider for your Lighthouse-approved hearing appointments.

   * If the provider is not willing to accept you as a new patient, choose another provider from the list who is in your area and repeat the steps above.

**Write name and address of your Lighthouse-approved hearing provider here:**
**Lighthouse Statement** Please read and sign.

“I fully understand Lighthouse services are limited to residents unable to pay for, or receive from other sources, this assistance. In consideration of these services, I release and discharge all persons rendering such services from any claims I may have arising from the services rendered. I am aware that the Lighthouse will not pay for any hearing aids billed to me prior to approval of this application. I also understand that my application will be reviewed by a Lighthouse Provider, and/or the Lighthouse staff. ALL INFORMATION ON AND ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.”

__________________________________________  ____________________________

**Signature of Applicant** (person applying for services)  Date

__________________________________________  ____________________________

**Witness** (if applicant signs with an “X”)  Date

**HIPAA Agreement**

I understand that the Federal Privacy Rule (“HIPAA”) does not protect the privacy of information if re-disclosed, and therefore request that all information obtained by this person or agency be held strictly confidential and not be further released by the recipient. I further understand that my eligibility for Lighthouse services is not conditioned upon my provision of this authorization. I intend for this document to be a valid authorization conforming to all requirements of the Privacy Rule and understand that my authorization will remain in effect for one year.

__________________________________________  ____________________________

**Signature of Applicant** (person applying for services)  Date

Complete this portion only if you would like to give us permission to speak with someone else on your behalf regarding your services.

Name: ____________________________  Phone: ____________________________

Relationship to Applicant: ____________________________

Once completed, send your application and copies of all required documents to us by mail, or FAX. If you have any questions, please call us at 404-325-3630 and listen to menu prompt.
“By submitting this application, I agree to be bound by The Lighthouse’s terms, conditions, and decisions regarding approval or denial. I understand that I am responsible for submitting in a timely fashion all supporting materials and that, if said materials are not received within ninety (90) calendar days of application submission, my application will be considered abandoned, necessitating the submission of a new application. I also agree to allow the use of my and/or my child’s likeness (photograph) in any form of future program marketing and understand that, if I do not wish to consent to the use of said likeness, I must submit in writing a signed statement to that effect to be included in my application file.”