

**The Gift of Hearing Program provides affordable hearing aids for those who qualify.** Contact OSCIL at 738-1013 to see if you are eligible, then follow these steps:

**1. Make an appointment with your doctor to get your ears checked.**

- Get a copy of the report for your records. Your hearing test MUST be current within a year.
- Meet with an Independent Living Coordinator at OSCIL
- **Fill out an application and Financial Needs Determination form** (Provide documentation).

**2. Make an appointment with your primary care doctor or ENT.**

Have your doctor fill out the pre-evaluation form. Please send a copy of pre-evaluation to OSCIL. Keep this form and your hearing test for your appointment with URI.

**3. Once you have been approved,** you will receive a package with a Letter of Introduction” from OSCIL notifying URI that you are eligible to participate in the Gift of Hearing program.

**4. Call URI Speech & Hearing Center** at 401-874-5969 to make an appointment. Explain that you have received a “Letter of Introduction.”

**5. Take the following to your appointment at URI:**

- Letter of Introduction
- Pre-evaluation form
- Hearing Test

**6. At URI you will be tested (if required).** The tester will be a student supervised by a Licensed Audiologist. You will be fitted with an ear mold. The hearing aid will then be ordered. *\*Remember - The hearing aids in this program are basic technology .*

**7. When the hearing aid arrives:**

Return to URI for your final fitting and purchase.

- Hearing aids cost \$600 per ear
- **For those who qualify, OSCIL can pay for hearing aids.**
- Hearing aids come with a limited warranty.
- **Payment is due at the time of this appointment.**
- There are no payment plans at this time.

## Income Guidelines

# of persons supported	Allowable Gross Monthly Income
1	\$4849
2	\$5373
3	\$5897
4	\$6422
5	\$6946
6	\$7470

*Add \$121 for each additional person*

**There are economic guidelines for this program. OSCIL staff will work with applicants to determine eligibility and appropriate funding sources based on individual economic need.**

**If you have any questions, please contact us at 401-738-1013**



The Ocean State Center for  
Independent Living

(OSCIL)

works in collaboration  
with the

*Gift of Hearing Program*

at the

University of Rhode Island

(URI)

Speech & Hearing Center

to

provide low cost

hearing aids

to those in need.

**The Ocean State Center  
for Independent Living**

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