



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 3701-45-03 Eligibility requirements for financial assistance through the Ohio hearing aid assistance program.

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- (A) The director, or program administrator, will apply the guidelines prescribed by this rule in determining whether a family and child are eligible for assistance in purchasing hearing aids and/or hearing assistive technology through the program.
- (B) A family is eligible to participate in the program if the following components are met:
- (1) The family and child are Ohio residents;
  - (2) There is a child diagnosed with hearing loss or hearing disorder;
  - (3) The family's income is at or below four hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines;
  - (4) Without assistance from the program, the family would be unable to obtain hearing aids for the child or youth with hearing loss or hearing disorder; and
  - (5) A family agrees to pay to the audiologist or the hearing aid dealer and fitter the sliding-scale fee amount, based on a sliding scale fee schedule, found at [https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/28bc7f33-8b03-4398-bc77-0ca3cb367c20/2023+Guidelines+-+FPR+and+Family+Sliding+Scale+Fee-UPDATE.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT\\_TO=url&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE.Z18\\_M1HGGIK0N0JO00QO9DDDDM3000-28bc7f33-8b03-4398-bc77-0ca3cb367c](https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/28bc7f33-8b03-4398-bc77-0ca3cb367c20/2023+Guidelines+-+FPR+and+Family+Sliding+Scale+Fee-UPDATE.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT_TO=url&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE.Z18_M1HGGIK0N0JO00QO9DDDDM3000-28bc7f33-8b03-4398-bc77-0ca3cb367c), as set forth by the director, due to the family income level.
- (C) In order to determine financial eligibility for the program, a family will do the following:
- (1) Complete the prescribed application to be submitted on its behalf by the audiologist or hearing aid dealer and fitter; and
  - (2) Provide the necessary documents, as set forth in the application to determine family income.
- (D) All decisions on family eligibility are final and are not subject to appeal under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.