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Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
3417 Volta Place, NW
Washington, DC 20007
202/337-5220
http://www.agbell.org/financialaid.cfm

American Society for Deaf Children
800/942-ASDC
http://www.deafchildren.org/

Miracle Ear Children's Foundation
Box 59261
Minneapolis, MN 55459-0261
800/234-5422
http://www.miracle-ear.com/khloss.html
Miracle-Ear centers nationally provide free hearing aids and services to children from low-income families.

Hear Now
(800) 648-4327
http://www.leisurelan.com/hearnow/index.html
All ages; patient has to meet financial criteria (patient can call for financial screening); pays for new analog hearing aids (BTE or ITE) from select group of participating manufacturers or some reconditioned BTE's, but you (the audiologist) are expected to do the fitting for free! (This national organization, which has been written about by columnist Ann Landers, provides new and refurbished hearing aids to people in need.)

Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (H.I.K.E.) Fund, Inc.
Brownsburg, Indiana
"http://www.iojd.org/hike_r.htm
Job’s Daughters, an international service organization, runs a program that buys hearing aids (and more).

Hear USA
http://www.hearusa.com/freehearingaids.htm

Hope for Hearing - Hearing Aid Bank
http://www.bazaarro.com/
Hope for Hearing has a hearing aid loaner bank.
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Lions Club International
http://www.lions.org/
http://www.lions.org/p.html (Projects)
Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf Auditory equipment is furnished to schools with hearing-impaired students, and scholarships are issued to youngsters with this disability. Lions conduct screening programs for children and adults, support a variety of rehabilitation services and provide and repair hearing aids for the needy.

The National Grange
1616 H. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006-4999
888/4GRANGE
http://www.nationalgrange.org/
http://www.nationalgrange.org/deaf.htm Deaf Activities
http://www.nationalgrange.org/deafproject.htm Deaf Activities Projects

Optimist Club
http://www2.ebtech.net/~rtowner/optimist/cchi.html
Communications Contest For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
The Optimist Communications Contest For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing encourages hearing impaired students to prepare an oral presentation on a subject declared by the Optimist International. The students may compete at the club level, with inners going on to compete at Zone and finally district levels. Handsome trophies, and cash prizes/scholarships are awarded to the District winners.

Quota Foundation International
http://www.quota.org/

Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201
807/866-3000
http://www.rotary.org/

Self Help for Hard of Hearing, Inc.
7910 Woodmont Ave, Suite 1200
Bethesda, MD 20814
301/657-2248
http://www.shhh.org/
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Sertoma International
1912 E. Meyer Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64132
816/333-8300
http://www.sertoma.org/sertoma_international_scholarshi.htm
http://www.sertoma.org/

Tripod Grapevine
800/352-8888
http://www.tripod.org/facts.htm

• Scholarship Trust for Deaf and Near Deaf
  3755 Lindell Blvd.
  St. Louis, MO 63108
  Phone: (314) 371-0533

(For all ages) In 1975 the Travelers Protective Association of America (TPA) established a scholarship trust for the deaf and near deaf. The intent and purposes of the trust are the giving of financial aid or assistance to US Residents who are deaf and hearing impaired who may benefit from medical, mechanical or specialized treatment or special education. Candidates must also demonstrate financial need.

The patient pays for hearing aid(s) and applies for grant; awarded once a year (April); eligibility based on amount of hearing loss and need and dollars available for the trust for the year; usually is a partial grant; also covers for education, interpreters, cochlear implants, assistive devices.

• Starkey Hearing Foundation
  http://www.hearingaid.org/home.html

This site explains about the foundation, which provides free hearing aids to qualified individuals, with contact information. Starkey and other manufacturers have programs to provide hearing aids, but again your services are pro bono. Most of them want proof that you have exhausted other possibilities.

• Kiwanis Club

• United Way

• The Variety Club

• Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (specifics vary by state)

• Department of Blind and Visual Services
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- Medicaid (specifics vary by state)
- Veteran's Administration -- only if loss is determined to be service-related, but it is always good to ask!
- Local Senior support agencies or Senior citizen organizations

MISCELLANEOUS LINKS:

Deafness (About.com) site
http://deafness.about.com/msubfaid.htm

College Learning (About.com) site
http://deafness.about.com/msubcaid.htm

The Columbus Foundation
http://www.columbusfoundation.com/types_of_funds.html#scholarship

Alexander Graham Bell Association
http://www.agbell.org/financialaid/financialaid.html#scholarships

http://mdek12.state.ms.us/resources.htm#finance

http://wind.uwyo.edu/Wynot/wynot_text/fact7_text.htm

http://wind.uwyo.edu/Wynot/wynot_text/finance_text.htm

http://www.ec.hscsyr.edu/peds/EFRDDir/Financia.htm

http://www.miusa.org/finaid.htm

http://www.rackham.umich.edu/Fellowships/disabled.htm

http://www.window.texas.gov/scholars/aid/faidalfa.html

http://www.cec.sped.org/cl/10796.htm

http://www.cec.sped.org/cl/aidmenu.htm

http://www.saonet.ucla.edu/fa/scholar/outagenc/schoth.htm

http://www.isoa.org/TheList.htm
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http://www.sfa.kent.edu/schlrgid.htm

http://deafness.miningco.com/msubcaid.htm?rf=dp&COB=home&TMsg=86526793112430m&Mint=19483685345532

Parents' Internet Cheat Sheet
http://brandysign.com/ICS1_prt.html

http://brandysign.com/HearCheat2.html

http://brandysign.com/HearCheat.html

Articles:

http://brandysign.com/article.html

Note: Similar information is available through resources in colleges, universities or major public libraries.

This document can be found on the is the web site of the Deaf Services Coordinator at Mississippi State University's at http://www2.msstate.edu/~jat/DSC/fund2.html