

NDBEDP

National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program

The Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA) authorizes the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide up to \$10 million annually for local programs to distribute communication equipment to low-income deaf-blind individuals. The goal is to provide them access to communication tools like email, text, and call using modern technology to interact with the world as an involved member of society.

Types of FREE Equipment Available:

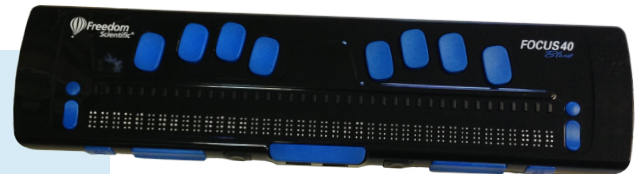
- Braille Devices: Braille Display & BrailleNote
- Computers & Tablets
- Software: ZoomText, Jaws, Window-Eyes, etc.
- Phones: Smartphones, Amplified Phones, Cap Tel, etc.

Hearing & Visual Loss Prerequisites:

1. Have a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with corrective lenses, or a field defect such that the peripheral diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees, or a progressive visual loss having a prognosis leading to one or both these conditions.
2. Have a chronic hearing impairment so severe that most speech cannot be understood with optimum amplification, or a progressive hearing loss having a prognosis leading to this condition.

Income Eligibility:

Applicant must meet income requirements that do not exceed 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Example: below \$44,680 for 1 person or \$60,520 for 2 people.



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