

MASSACHUSETTS STATE GRANGE

HEARING AID ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ADOPTED: MARCH 20, 2021

The Hearing Aid Fund was established in order to assist Subordinate and Junior members with the cost of their hearing aids. This Fund is managed by the State Grange Home and Community Service Committee who is responsible for soliciting donations and promoting the fund.

A member can only receive reimbursement for one hearing aid at a time. For example, if an individual gets two hearing aids, they can submit for reimbursement in one year and then the following year apply for the second reimbursement. Once a member has received a reimbursement for aids, he/she is not eligible to receive funds again, for new aids, for a period of 5 years.

All applications for reimbursement must be received no later than August 15 and will be processed for payment in September of each year. Only members who are in good standing with their Grange may apply.

Depending upon the amount of money in the Fund and the number of applicants, the distribution amount will be calculated with a maximum amount of payment to be \$200.00. If an applicant is covered by their insurance company for the cost of their hearing aids, they would not qualify to receive a reimbursement from this fund. For those wishing a reimbursement, they must submit a copy of their bill as well as proof of payment.

Procedure for the Home and Community Service Committee:

The Committee receives the application from the member.

The Committee will review the application and documentation to ensure it is complete. If additional information is needed, the Committee will communicate with the member to obtain the information.

The Committee will check with the member's Grange prior to the submission of the voucher on September 1 to ensure that they are in good standing.

The Committee will check with the State Treasurer before processing the voucher to determine the amount of funds available.

Complete a voucher with the member's name and address and the amount to be reimbursed. This voucher will be submitted to the State President for approval and processing for payment.