



PRESCHOOL-AGE FINANCIAL AID—2025 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

This program provides financial aid to families with preschool-age children. A child must have moderate-to-profound hearing loss in both ears. The child must be learning to listen and speak.

Families may use the awards to pay for things such as:

- Hearing support services
- Speech and language therapy
- Preschool tuition
- Transportation
- Other related support

Those who apply must be committed to teaching their child to listen and speak.

AG Bell makes awards once each year. Families can apply each year if their child is eligible. Award amounts vary. For the past three years, awards have ranged from \$250 to \$2,000.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet all the following:

- Your child must have hearing loss in **both ears**. Children with Auditory Neuropathy are eligible. *Children with hearing loss or Auditory Neuropathy in only one ear do not qualify.*
- The hearing loss must have been identified before your child's fourth birthday.
- Your child's hearing loss must be in the moderately-severe to profound range. This means your child must have an unaided Pure-Tone Average (PTA) of 55 dB or greater in the better hearing ear, in the speech frequencies of 500, 1000, 2000 and 4000 Hz.* Children with cochlear implants meet this eligibility requirement.
**This may not apply for children who have been diagnosed with Auditory Neuropathy*

Formula for calculating the PTA:

On the unaided audiogram, look at the results for the better hearing ear at 500, 1000, 2000 and 4000 Hz. Add those four numbers together. Divide that total by four. The result is the Pure Tone Average. To be eligible for this award, the child's PTA must be 55 dB or greater.

- Your child's most recent audiogram (within the last 12 months).

- Your child must use Listening and Spoken Language to communicate.
- Your child’s 4th birthday must be or have been before December 31, 2025.
- Your child must not yet be entering the first grade in the 2025-2026 school year.
- Your child (and primary contact) must live in the United States, including territories, or in Canada.
- Parents/guardians should clearly explain your need for financial aid and how you will use an award.

Note: All applicants for Preschool Financial Aid will receive membership in AG Bell free of cost.

Application Instructions

You will complete the application online. You do not have to complete it at one time—meaning you can save it and come back to complete it before you submit it. You must provide all the required information.

You will be asked to provide letters of recommendations. It is your responsibility to upload them into your application as PDFs.

- A letter from your child’s audiologist along with their audiology report
- A letter from your child’s teachers, therapists, or hearing health providers, and
- **One** friend who knows you and your family and your financial need.

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is **midnight May 27, 2025**. We encourage you to submit your application well in advance of the deadline. *Late and incomplete applications are not considered under any circumstances.*

Administrative Process

The AG Bell Preschool Committee will review the applications. This committee will make the awards. We will send you an email to tell you the committee’s decision. We will send this email about 6 weeks after the application deadline.

Award checks will be mailed to all awardees to the postal address on their application approximately six to eight weeks after notification.

Have Questions or Need Clarification?

Please send an email to: financialaid@agbell.org. Your question may not be answered for several business days. Please don’t wait too long to ask your questions.