



The Robert P. Ahrens Memorial Fund

The NJAHP wishes to acknowledge the tireless commitment and work that both Bob and Nancy Ahrens gave in the interest of improving the knowledge and understanding to all those that fit hearing instruments and to the hearing impaired consumers. These efforts in the form of continuing education are one of our Associations most important goals.

The Ahrens Memorial Fund was created for the purpose of awarding scholarships and hearing instruments to worthy children within the State of New Jersey who might otherwise go without were it not for the generosity of the Ahrens Fund.

Donor cards are a great way to support the effort. These cards can be personalized to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, etc., or to send condolences to the families of your clients who have passed away. Donor cards are \$25 for 10 cards, benefitting the Ahrens Fund and the Ben Aidekman Scholarship Fund. Contact Susan Philpot at the email or address below to purchase donor cards.

NJAHP members who know of a child who meets the guidelines for help in acquiring hearing aids or is applying for a scholarship should contact **Susan Philpot c/o The Robert Ahrens Memorial Fund PO Box 187 Clarksburg, NJ 08510 or at spwp730@aol.com**. Members are also invited to share the application information with eligible families.

Fund Trustees

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Ahrens Scholarship - \$1,000 - \$2,000, determined by the Fund Committee

Eligibility Guidelines

- Hearing impaired student entering their senior of college (does not have to be attending a college in New Jersey)
- Resident of NJ
- Can be pursuing any course of study



Application Deadline: March 1 of junior year in college

Selection by: April 15

How to apply:

Student's name

Phone

Address

Email

Name of college

Brief bio, course of study, highlighted experiences at college, desired career paths, anything else they'd like to say about themselves.

Email to: Sue Philpot at SPWP730@aol.com

Ben and Esther Aidekman Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1,000

Ben started his office as Acousticon Hearing Aid Center in Asbury Park on Cookman Ave where he served patients and their families from 1953 - 1990. Ben was dedicated to his clients which he instilled in those who worked with him to give the best hearing health care and hearing aids. The office often provided free hearing aids to those in need and was supported by local Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Masonic Lodge. He received many Humanitarian Awards for his service to the community.

Ben passed away in 2002 and Esther in 2008. The scholarship to a high school senior entering college will continue their legacy of helping hearing impaired students in New Jersey to achieve their full potential to succeed in their careers and life.

The funds are provided by their son Alan, a retired TV/film writer and his wife Donna who live in Southern California, but still maintain the family home in W. Allenhurst, NJ.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Hearing impaired student entering their freshman year in college (does not have to be a college in New Jersey)
- Resident of NJ
- Can pursue any course of study



Application Deadline: April 1 of senior year in high school

Selection by: May 15

How to apply:

- Student's name
- Phone
- Address
- Email
- Brief bio, college planning to attend, course of study interested in pursuing, highlighted experiences in high school, desired career paths, anything else they'd like to say about themselves.

Email to: Sue Philpot at SPWP730@aol.com or PO Box 187 Clarksburg, NJ 08510

Hearing Aid Grants

Eligibility Guidelines:

NJ resident, 18 or under

Fund will pay invoice cost after all discounts from any manufacturer.



Manufacturer will be asked prior to billing if they would consider the donation of hearing aids to that young person

Young person must not qualify for other third party programs, such as Medicaid, Childrens Special Health Services, where funding is available for the purchase of hearing aids.

Office doing fitting, audiologist or hearing aid specialist does not receive compensation for fitting services or profit from the sale of hearing aid.

Grant recipient and family will be invited to an NJAHHP meeting.

How to apply: Parents should submit a letter indicating the need of financial help for hearing aids. Include name, phone, address, email, name and age of child. Email Sue Philpot at SPWP730@aol.com or PO Box 187 Clarksburg, NJ, 08510