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**INCOME ELIGIBILITY**

Your income must be ***at or below*** the estimate given for your household size. If you **DO NOT** meet the income requirements below **DO NOT** fill out this application!

Please contact the ND Assistive offices at 1-800-895-4728

for other options that may be available to you.

Estimated Median Income for North Dakota Fiscal Year 2024

(Effective January 11, 2024)

\**Based upon Administration for Children and Families,*

*Office of Community Services, Division of Energy Assistance*

|  | **Severe Hearing/ Speech/ Physical Impairment** | **Deaf** |
| --- | --- | --- |
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**FOR OFFICE ONLY:** Date Received:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Qualifies:\_\_\_\_\_ Consultant:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Apricot:\_\_\_\_\_

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# Personal Information – Required

**Application Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Unknown

What is your gender identity? \_\_\_\_Non-Disclosure \_\_\_\_Female \_\_\_\_Male \_\_\_\_Transgender-Female \_\_\_\_Transgender-Male

Applicant Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State: ND Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address, if different (must include): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reservation, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? \_\_\_\_Brochure \_\_\_\_Newspaper \_\_\_\_TV ad \_\_\_\_Internet ad \_\_\_\_Radio ad \_\_\_\_Word of mouth \_\_\_\_ND Assistive website \_\_\_\_Presentation \_\_\_\_Doctor \_\_\_\_Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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# Demographic Information - Required

## What is your ethnicity?

 Hispanic or Latino

 Not Hispanic or Latino

 Unknown

## What is your race?

 American Indian/ Native

 Alaskan

 Asian

 Black/ African American

 Native Hawaiian/ Other

 Pacific Islander

 Non-Minority (White, non-

 Hispanic)

 White-Hispanic

 Other

## What is your primary language?

\_\_­\_English

\_\_\_Other

## Do you live alone?

\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No \_\_\_Unknown

## Do feel socially isolated?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Is your income below the national poverty level? (*see chart below*) \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

|  |
| --- |
| **2024 HHS Poverty Guidelines**(effective January 11, 2024) |
| **Size of Family Unit** | **Poverty Guideline** |
| 1 | $15,060 |
| 2 | $20,440 |
| 3 | $25,820 |
| 4 | $31,200 |
| 5 | $36,580 |
| **For each additional****person, add** | $5,380 |

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# Physical Information

Do you have problems with cognition or memory?

\_\_\_No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Do Not Know

Do you have problems with dexterity?

\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Do Not Know

Do you have problems with vision?

\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Do Not Know

Do you have problems with hearing?

\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Do Not Know

Do you have problems with speech?

\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Do Not Know

# Equipment Questions

I have or am in the process of getting land line service?

\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Not Applicable

I have or am in the process of getting cell phone service?

\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Not Applicable

I have internet access in my home/residence?

\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_Not Applicable

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I have difficulties with (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_ hearing on the phone

\_\_\_\_ hearing the phone ring

\_\_\_\_ speaking (being heard or understood) on the phone

\_\_\_\_ holding or picking up the phone

\_\_\_\_ seeing the numbers/ buttons on the phone

\_\_\_\_ dialing the phone

Please describe your difficulty using the phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently wear a hearing aid(s)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you have a cochlear implant? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If you know what equipment you need, please check it below:

\_\_\_\_ Teletypewriter (TTY)

\_\_\_\_ Amplified phone

\_\_\_\_ Cordless phone

\_\_\_\_ Captioned phone

\_\_\_\_ Captioned phone with large display
\_\_\_\_ Cell phone adaptation

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you are requesting a cell phone adaptation, what make and model of cell phone do you currently have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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# Eligibility (check yes or no)

* I have a severe hearing, speech, vision, and/ or physical impairment that makes using a telephone difficult.

Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

* I currently have or am in the process of getting phone service.

Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

* I have family income **at or under** the guidelines given below.

Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

(*Assistive reserves the right to request a copy of applicant’s federal tax return at a later date, if needed.*)

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# Professional Contact Person (Social Worker, Hearing Outreach, Vision Outreach, Case Manager., Etc…)

If you would prefer we contact someone else regarding your application, please complete the contact information below.

Contact Name and Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Alternate Contact Person (Family, Friend, etc…)

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Contact Name and Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*The preceding facts I have provided are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. (If under 18, applicant* ***and*** *parent/ guardian must sign.)*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Applicant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/ guardian, if applicable)

# Condition of Acceptance of Telecommunications Device

## Use and Care

I agree to protect this equipment against damage caused by dust, dirt, weather, and physical abuse.

## Damage

If the equipment is damaged, I will not try to take it apart. I will return the equipment to ND Assistive.

## Theft

If the equipment is stolen, I will report it to the police. A copy of the police report must be given to ND Assistive before I can get replacement equipment.

## Loss

If I lose my equipment, I must report the loss to ND Assistive. I understand that I may not receive replacement equipment.

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## Travel

I understand that this equipment is the property of the State of North Dakota. I can travel out of North Dakota with my equipment for short trips and vacations. Any out-of-state travel with my equipment for more than 90 days requires written permission from ND Assistive.

## Change of Address

If I move to another place in North Dakota, I have ten (10) days to report my new address to ND Assistive. If I plan to move to another state, I must return the equipment to ND Assistive. This must be done before I leave North Dakota. I understand that if I do not return this equipment, I may be charged with a misdemeanor or felony theft charge according to the ND Century Code 12, 1-23-07.

## State Property

I understand that this equipment is property of the State of North Dakota and as such, I will not sell it. I will not give or loan it to others not in my immediate family. If I sell my equipment, I can be criminally prosecuted.

## Liability

I agree to accept responsibility for said equipment and all claims, damages, and/or expenses caused by the use or misuse of said equipment by myself or anyone else.

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## Denial

If I do not keep these terms of conditions of acceptance, I can be denied the privilege of having telecommunications equipment provided by the State of North Dakota.

## Death

In the event of my death, the executor or other responsible party must return the equipment to ND Assistive within thirty (30) days.

## Repair

ND Assistive is responsible for all reasonable expenses to maintain and repair my equipment. If my equipment is damaged, lost, or destroyed because of negligence or abuse, I must pay for replacing or repairing the equipment.

*Having read the above and conditions and having them explained to me I agree to comply with all of the conditions.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Applicant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Parent / guardian, if applicable)

This project is supported by funding granted through the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Aging Services Division.

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