

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A committee that meets on a regular basis reviews each request. At this time, requests are either approved or denied. The Philadelphia Lighthouse does its best to determine those greatest in need of assistance. Though we would like to help everyone, our funds are limited; therefore, we must be selective when granting requests.

A notification letter will be sent to you to let you know if your request has been approved or denied. At this point, you will receive instructions on how to obtain the item requested, whether it can be sent directly to you or if the item needs to be picked up.

If you would like further information about the Philadelphia Lighthouse of the Blind or about the many quality programs and services provided by Associated Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired, please call us at (215) 627-0600, extension 3297, or visit our website at www.asb.org.

OUR MISSION

Associated Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired was established to promote self-esteem, independence, and self-determination among blind and visually impaired people, so that they can become productive members of society in a manner that is individually appropriate. This will be accomplished by providing them with training, education, materials, information and support. Associated Services for the Blind will provide the public with information and education relating to visually impaired or blind persons. Also, ASB will serve as an advocate for the rights for this population.

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WHAT IS THE LIGHTHOUSE?

The Philadelphia Lighthouse of the Blind (PLOTB), a division of Associated Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired (ASB), is an Endowment Fund, which was founded in 1945, to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

Through this program, ASB provides limited funding to individuals to help fulfill specific personal needs such as, acquiring adaptive aids, medical devices, software and computer systems, or offsetting the costs associated with certain recreational activities.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

If you are an individual who is blind or visually impaired, and of limited resources, the Philadelphia Lighthouse of the Blind program may be the perfect opportunity to help you achieve the goals you've been striving for.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

There are many adaptive aids available for those who may just be beginning to lose their sight or are visually impaired, as well as those individuals who are blind.



For instance, there are mobility canes to help individuals travel with safety and independence

Magnifiers, another helpful tool, to allow an individual who is visually impaired read the newspaper. Recording devices, braille note takers, writing aids and guides, as well as talking watches, which are

now available in both English and Spanish.



Some of these items can be costly, and let's face it sometimes we all need a little help. If there is a product you would like to obtain in order to provide you with a better quality of life, then simply call (215) 627-0600, extension 3297, for a request form and apply for financial assistance in order to purchase the product you've been waiting to have.



Or you may write a letter stating your request, the dollar amount of the item along with the reason for the request, and mail it to:

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