



## Who We Are

Founded in 1979 by Howard E. "Rocky" Stone, the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is the nation's leading organization representing consumers with hearing loss. Our mission is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, support and advocacy. HLAA provides assistance and resources for people with hearing loss and their families to help them live a better life with hearing loss.



## Get more information and support from your local HLAA Chapter!

Chapters are a place to meet others who are just like you right in your own community. If information for your local HLAA Chapter has been provided you will find it in the space below. Nothing there? No problem—just go to [hearingloss.org](http://hearingloss.org) to find a chapter near you!



48 million Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

## Are you one of them?



## Do You Think You Have a Hearing Loss?

Many people might notice they have a hard time hearing in certain situations but don't do anything about it, at least not immediately. Hearing loss has been shown to negatively impact nearly every aspect of our lives, so it is important not to wait. As with most medical conditions, the earlier hearing loss is detected the better the chances are that something can be done to help.

## How Can I Tell If I Have a Hearing Loss?

### Do you...

- often ask people to repeat themselves?
- have trouble hearing in groups or loud environments, such as at parties or restaurants?
- often think others are mumbling?
- fail to hear someone talking from behind you?
- turn up the volume on the TV or car radio?
- have difficulty hearing on the phone?

22 million Americans are exposed to dangerous levels of noise in the workplace.

Use these basic questions as a guide, but if you suspect a hearing loss or just have a little difficulty hearing every now and then it is important to see a hearing health care or medical professional for a full evaluation.



"I moved to the D.C. area when I was 25 and had never met someone my age with hearing loss. Everyone was so friendly at my first chapter meeting that I immediately knew I wanted to get involved."

Rachel—Silver Spring, Maryland

12.5 percent of kids between the ages of 6 and 19 have hearing loss from listening to loud music.

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## You don't have to face hearing loss alone!

The Hearing Loss Association of America gives members the tools they need to live more successfully with hearing loss. The programs and services we offer are designed to focus on you—the **person** with hearing loss.

### Advocacy

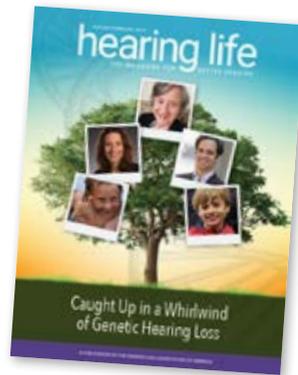
HLAA advocates for equal access for all Americans with hearing loss in areas such as telecommunications, employment, health care, education and community life. We promote self-advocacy and empowerment to help bring about change on both the local and national levels.

### Chapters and State Organizations

HLAA Chapters are a place where you will meet others going through the same thing you are—right in your own community. Share stories, hear guest speakers, get information on technology and develop lifelong friendships.

### Hearing Life

Our bimonthly magazine, *Hearing Life*, features personal stories that will inspire and empower you, articles on research and technology, hearing aids, cochlear implants, hearing assistive technology and more. HLAA members receive *Hearing Life* in the mail and online.



### Hearing Life e-News

Our biweekly newsletter brings you updates and breaking news on many hot topics affecting people with hearing loss. Sign up for *Hearing Life e-News* on our homepage—there's no cost and no obligation.

### Walk4Hearing

Held in cities across the country, the HLAA Walk4Hearing is the largest event of its kind, bringing together people with hearing loss, their families and friends who walk to raise awareness about hearing loss, good hearing health, and communication access. Funds raised support both local and national programs for people with hearing loss.



### Annual Convention

The HLAA Convention is the nation's largest hearing-friendly event with accessible workshops and trade show with the latest technology and services for people with hearing loss. Members receive discounted registration. Complimentary registration for first-time veterans and their caregivers.

### Website

The newly redesigned and mobile-friendly HLAA website, [hearingloss.org](http://hearingloss.org), is packed with a wealth of information, including hearing loss basics, financial assistance resources, technology, resources for HLAA Chapters, and information on webinars, the Walk4Hearing and the HLAA Convention.

### Webinars

Monthly educational and product showcase webinars are presented by renowned experts in the field. The live webinars are captioned and recorded for playback later.

Only 1 in 5 people who would benefit from a hearing aid actually use one.

33 percent of Americans between the ages of 65 and 74 have hearing loss.

2.7 million veterans receive disability compensation or are in treatment for hearing-related issues, making it the most common service-connected disability among American veterans.



"I participate in the HLAA Walk4Hearing because it takes a village to support my son with hearing loss."

Beth—Hillsdale, New Jersey



"My personal mission is to use my story to send a clear and strong message to other soldiers about the repercussions of hearing loss and how it could affect their careers."

U.S. Army SFC David Schible



"HLAA personally taught me how to stay connected in a hearing world."

Margaret—Baltimore, Maryland

Join us on your hearing journey!

To enjoy all the benefits of HLAA membership, simply complete this form and mail to:

Hearing Loss Association of America  
6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 320 • Rockville, MD 20852  
You can also join or renew online at [hearingloss.org](http://hearingloss.org).

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**Regular Membership** (Includes *Hearing Life* in print and digital format)

- Individual \$45  Professional \$80  Corporate \$500  
 Couple/Family \$55  Nonprofit \$80

**Online Membership** (Includes *Hearing Life* in digital format only)

- Individual \$35  Student \$25

**Veteran Membership** (New members only)

- COMPLIMENTARY one-year Regular Membership and lifetime Online Membership  
 Professional Members: check here to opt-in to a discounted premium listing on [HearingTracker.com](http://HearingTracker.com). HLAA will share your contact information with Hearing Tracker.

For non-USA membership option, visit [hearingloss.org](http://hearingloss.org).

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