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Low Cost Computer Options

The information below may assist in obtaining a computer for individuals with a limited income.

Computers for the Community

Computers for the Community is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation that was founded in Sioux Falls, SD. Their mission is to provide every member of the community with the opportunity to own a personal computer. They will accept donated computer equipment and then provide computers as available to those requesting a computer. All desktop computers have a $50 administrative fee to cover refurbishment costs (including the costs of Genuine Microsoft Software). http://www.computersforthecommunity.org/

ABC Assistive Technology Fund for the Blind & Visually Impaired

The Association of Blind Citizens (ABC) operates the Assistive Technology Fund, which will provide funds to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software. The products covered by this program must retail for a minimum of $200 with a maximum retail price of $6,000. Persons eligible to apply for assistance must have a family income of less than $50,000 and cash assets of less than $20,000. Applicants must be legally blind and a resident of the United States to qualify for this program. Additional information and the request form can be found at http://www.blindcitizens.org/assistive_tech.htm

Computers for the Blind (CFTB)

Computers for the Blind (formerly the Texas Center for the Visually Challenged) is a volunteer organization devoted to providing computers for the blind. Volunteers refurbish used donated computers. Special software is included with a screen reader and a voice synthesizer so text may be read aloud. E-mail and word processing programs are part of the software library. Any visually impaired person who is serious about using a computer and is willing to commit to the learning process is eligible to receive a computer. To learn more about CFTB go to their website at www.computersfortheblind.net . To express your interest in receiving a computer and begin the process, either send an email to Contact CFTB or call 214.340.6328. Each recipient of a computer is asked to provide a $110 partnership gift to CFTB for a desktop or $160 for a laptop computer.

Manufacturers of Various Computers

This is not an all-inclusive list of computer manufacturers, but does provide a list of some of the manufacturers' websites to learn about the numerous types of computers available.

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Hewlett-Packard
http://www.hp.com/

Dell
www.Dell.com

Compaq
 http://www.compaq.com/

Mac
http://www.apple.com/mac/

Gateway
http://us.gateway.com/gw/en/US/content/home