

iPads for Disabilities



What is an iPad? An iPad is a tablet computer by Apple Inc. that serves primarily as a platform for audio-visual media including books, periodicals, movies, music, games, and web content.

Who benefits from an iPad?

An iPad comes out-of-the-box accessible. This means built-in features that benefit people with different disabilities. Examples include screen magnification and screen readers for visually impaired people and a simple user interface for those with cognitive and learning disabilities.

For those with limited hand control, the touch screen is a great alternative to traditional computers that require finer motor control to operate. Also, many applications are available for a vast array of disabilities to help with education & everyday life.

How can UATF help?

The Utah Assistive Technology Foundation provides loans and small grants to Utahns with disabilities who qualify.

Loans for iPads

Low-interest loans are available, and must be a minimum of \$500. Loan interest is half of the current prime interest rate, and are done through Zion's Bank.

How to apply:

Applications are available online at www.uatf.org. For questions, call UATF at 1-800-524-5152.

Small grants for iPads

Limited grants are given based upon income and other factors, and are for low-income Utahns with disabilities (those at or below 150% of the poverty level). Grants are a maximum of \$400, which will partially fund the purchase of an iPad.

Grant applicants (not loan applicants) may be required to have a professional evaluation done to determine if the iPad is the most appropriate device for a particular disability. The evaluation must be performed by a UATF-approved professional. Contact UATF for referrals at 1-800-524-5152.