

Tech Talk Tuesday

What is Seeing Ai?

Seeing AI is an artificial intelligence application developed by Microsoft for iOS. Seeing AI uses the device's camera to identify people and objects, and then the app audibly describes those objects for people with visual impairment. Seeing AI is primarily used to describe short text, documents, products, people, currency scenery, colors, handwriting and light. The app can scan a barcode to describe a product and uses sounds to assist the user in focusing on the barcode.

Seeing Ai is available for download and use on Apple iPhone and iPad. For more information, contact the Society.

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What is Be My Eyes?

Be My Eyes is a mobile app that aims to help blind and visually impaired people to recognize objects and cope with everyday situations. An online community of sighted volunteers receive photos or videos from randomly assigned affected individuals and assist via live chat. Need immediate visual assistance?

Make a video call with be my eyes for instant help. Be My Eyes integrates with Siri so you can call a volunteer using vocal commands. For more information, contact the Society.

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MoAT TAP Internet Program

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TAP for Internet program provides to Missourians who cannot use traditional computer equipment, the adaptive computer equipment necessary for basic access to the internet and e-mail. The program provides such equipment as screen enlargement software, screen readers, adaptive keyboards or alternative pointing devices such as trackballs or rollerballs. The TAP-I program provides consumer support during the selection and initial usage of the adaptive equipment.

What are the Eligibility Requirements?

To qualify for the Telecommunications Access Program, the applicant must:

- Be certified by a licensed physician, audiologist, speech pathologist, hearing instrument specialist or qualified agency as unable to use traditional telecommunications equipment or computer equipment due to disability;
 - Be a resident of the state of Missouri;
 - Have access to basic telephone service for TAP-T; have a computer and internet service for TAP-I. For the TAP Wireless pilot, you must have WiFi access or mobile phone service (depending on selected equipment).
 - Meet financial income standards (Generally, the applicant's have an annual adjusted household income under \$60,000 for two people; with \$5,000 being added for each additional dependent.)
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Financial Assistance for Tech Devices

The Missouri Council of the Blind will cover up to 50% of the cost of devices for eligible members through their adaptive technology program. For more information on this program, visit the link below.

MCB Adaptive Technology Program

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Photo of St. Louis Lighthouse for the Blind

Financial Assistance for Tech Devices

The St. Louis Lighthouse for the Blind can cover up to \$2680 of the cost of tech devices for qualifying individuals. For more information, contact the Society at 314.968.9000

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