

## Eye Exams/Eyeglasses

❖ **Main website to find help** is <https://georgia.findhelp.com/> Put in your zip code and then click on the tabs at the top of the page to find help in various categories.

### ❖ **New Eyes Eyeglasses**

refer with client EMAIL by New Eyes for the Needy

Eligibility:

Applicants must have an email to apply directly and to ask questions to New Eyes. There is no telephone support. All customer care to [info@new-eyes.org](mailto:info@new-eyes.org). Only refer clients with their email for a response please.

Applications can be made online 24/7. Individuals can apply through a referring case worker/health advocate/ support group OR directly through New Eyes website. The program is fully online, and glasses will be ordered online by the applicant or caseworker from our partner dispenser and shipped out.

Applicants must hold a recent eye exam (dated within the last 24 months) including their pupillary distance (PD) measurement before applying. If it is not included on the eyeglasses prescription (preferable) you may measure it yourself. (Instructions on New Eyes website)

This program helps people with income at or below 250% of federal poverty guidelines.

IMPORTANT - All support and customer care is via email [info@new-eyes.org](mailto:info@new-eyes.org).

Please refer people to New Eyes ONLY WITH THEIR EMAIL. NO phone or text responses.

New Eyes provides new prescription eyeglasses for children and adults in financial need throughout the United States who cannot afford glasses on their own.

Eligible if living in a household at 250% or less of Federal Poverty Guidelines. This program provides:

- A pair of single or lined bifocal eyeglasses - lenses and frame. (2 identical pairs provided for children under 18) NOT progressives/transitions or special filter lenses.

Individuals can apply for themselves OR through a caseworker. The online application is accessible to social service agencies/health advocates who apply on their client's behalf and to individuals who may apply directly.

When you have an e-voucher from New Eyes, glasses must be ordered online from our partner dispenser [www.neweyesglasses.org](http://www.neweyesglasses.org)

Social Service Agencies or referring caseworkers will need the following information from their client:

- Contact information including name, address, and email (if available)
- Monthly approximate net income and expenses
- A prescription for eyeglasses from a recent eye exam (within the last 24 months)

Agency's tax ID is needed as verification of a new agency registration. Please visit the website to apply.

Vouchers are good for three months from the date of issue.

A \$10 program fee applies.

Languages: English

Cost: Reduced Cost

Next Steps:

Email [info@new-eyes.org](mailto:info@new-eyes.org) to get more info

Website: Program's Website <https://new-eyes.org/application>

### ❖ **The Glaucoma Program by Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology**

Eligibility:

Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident.

Must not belong to an HMO or have eye care benefits through the VA.

Must not have had an eye exam in 12 months or more.

Must be at increased risk for glaucoma, determined by your age, race and family history.

Description: The Glaucoma program provides a baseline glaucoma eye exam at no cost to those who are eligible and uninsured through volunteer ophthalmologists.

This program provides:

- Eye exams

Services that are beyond the scope of EyeCare America and are not covered include any additional services necessary for your care such as, hospitals, surgical facilities, anesthesiologists, and medications. The ophthalmologist is a volunteer who agrees to provide only services within these program guidelines.

EyeCare America provides medical eye care, only and the program does not provide eyeglass prescriptions or cover the cost of glasses. If you are concerned about the cost of these items, please discuss this with the doctor before the examination.

If you were eligible for service and require a re-referral to another ophthalmologist, you or the EyeCare America volunteer ophthalmologist must contact EyeCare America to continue receiving care through the program. We may be able to locate another EyeCare America volunteer to provide the care.

Cost: Free

Next Steps:

Call 877-887-6327

Apply on their website <https://secure.aao.org/Forms/ECAReferral>

#### ❖ **EyeCare America**

EyeCare America is one of the country's leading public service programs that provides eye care through our volunteer ophthalmologists. Since 1985, we have helped more than 2.2 million people. Ninety percent of the care provided is at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

How does EyeCare America work?

Patients or caretakers answer a few short questions to see if they are eligible. Their responses are computed and if deemed eligible, they are matched to the nearest volunteer by zip code. Patients receive a letter with information about their EyeCare America ophthalmologist so they can schedule their appointment. At the appointment, the doctor provides a comprehensive eye exam for the patient. Ninety percent of the care provided is at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

EyeCare America offers three programs:

Seniors Program

Glaucoma Program

Retina Re-referral Program

What should I expect?

To be referred, check your eligibility.

Fill out the short questions to see if you or your loved one qualifies:

The questions will take less than five minutes to complete.

Once you fill out the form, you will get an instant result.

If you qualify, you'll get an immediate referral by mail to make your appointment.

If you do not qualify, we will provide you with other useful resources. Go to website to apply <https://www.aao.org/eyecare-america/patients>

#### ❖ **Prescription Eyeglasses by Respectacle**

Eligibility: Must have a current prescription from an eye doctor.

Description: Respectacle's offers quality donated eyeglasses to underserved individuals and communities. Donated glasses are cleaned, categorized, and loaded into our online database based on their prescription.

This program provides:

- Prescription glasses

Glasses from ReSpectacle is unlikely to give the same quality of vision, comfort, and style that someone can otherwise get with a pair of custom-made glasses fit by a certified optician. ReSpectacle was designed to be used by people who have no other means of getting life-changing vision correction. In most circumstances, however, we would expect a match from ReSpectacle to be better than no glasses at all.

Please visit their website and click "Browse" then enter the prescription given to you by your eye specialist. Browse through the selection of glasses and pick the pair that you like best, which also has a high match percentile. Numbers in green are the best, indicating the closest match to your prescription.

Multiple orders are allowed, but they ask that you start with one per person. This will help you gauge whether the prescription is a good fit before committing to multiple pairs. Please note that there is a sitewide limit to daily orders and systems are in place to detect unethical use of our service. There are also shipping and handling costs for glasses ordered.

Cost: Reduced Cost

Next Steps:

Go to the program's website <https://respectacle.org/index>

#### ❖ **Operation Sight by American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Foundation**

Eligibility:

This program helps people with income at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines.

Must be uninsured or underinsured when insurance does not cover cataract surgery. Patients who receive Medicare Part B are ineligible. The program does not pay or assist with copays.

Must have a formal cataract diagnosis where cataract surgery has been deemed medically necessary.

Must be permanently residing in the United States. Applicants who are temporarily visiting do not qualify for the program.

Description: Operation Sight provides free cataract surgery to people who are uninsured or underinsured and would otherwise not be able to afford or access care. Their U.S.-based, charitable cataract surgery program screens patients for eligibility and then works to match approved patients with a volunteer surgeon, who can provide charitable cataract surgery at no cost to the patient.

This program provides:

- Cataract surgery

This program is offered within the U.S., and patients are responsible for their own transportation to and from appointments and surgery. Acceptance to Operation Sight does not guarantee surgery, and there is no set timeframe for when an approved applicant will receive surgery.

After submitting a patient inquiry form on the website, an Operation Sight staff member will respond via email within 5-7 business days. Those who meet all requirements will be asked to complete a more detailed application and provide additional documentation. Applicants will be contacted within 14 business days after their complete application has been submitted and reviewed. If approved, the patient will be matched to an Operation Sight volunteer in their area.

Languages: English

Cost: Free

Next Steps:

Go to the program's website. Call 703-383-570

<https://ascrs.org/foundation/operation-sight>

#### ❖ **InfantSEE by Optometry Cares - The AOA Foundation**

Eligibility: This program serves infants ages 6 to 12 months.

Description: InfantSEE, a public health program, managed by Optometry Cares -The AOA Foundation, is designed to ensure that eye and vision care becomes an essential part of infant wellness care to improve a child's quality of life. Under this program, participating Doctor of Optometry provides a comprehensive infant eye assessment between 6 and 12 months of age free of charge regardless of family income or access to insurance coverage.

This program provides:

- Infant eye assessment

Visit the website to find a provider near you. Once you have found a provider near you, call their office, and let them know you'd like to schedule an InfantSEE assessment for your baby.

Languages: English

Cost: Free

Next Steps:

Go to the program's website <https://www.infantsee.org/?sso=y>

#### ❖ **Eyes of Hope by VSP Vision**

Eligibility:

This program helps people who are younger than 20 years old.

This program helps people with income at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines.

Must have no vision care coverage through a private insurer or government program.

Must not have received care through a VSP program during the last 12 months.

Description: VSP Vision's Eyes of Hope gift certificates provide youth and children up to the age of 19 with no-cost eye care and prescription glasses.

This program provides:

- Eye Care
- Prescription glasses

Contact your child's school nurse who can request a VSP Sight for Students gift certificate through an education partner. Education partners include The National Association of School Nurses, The California School Nurses Organization, Communities in Schools, and the National Head Start Association.

Languages: English

Cost: Free

Next Steps:

Get a referral from your child's school nurse to apply.

Call 800-877-7195 Website:

<https://www.vspvision.com/eyes-of-hope/get-help.html;jsessionid=32A5BB2980F3DDA90FE62B8B8FC4E760#noCost>

#### ❖ **Program Eye Care Program by Sight Savers America**

Eligibility: This program serves children in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

Description: Sight Savers America's Eye Care Program provides individual case-managed eye care services—from the initial dilated eye examination to the final treatment—along with recurring eye care throughout childhood.

This program provides:

- Eye exams
- Eyeglasses
- Medications
- Surgeries
- Case management

Each child referred to SSA is assigned a case specialist to manage his/her eye care needs from start to finish.

Languages: English

Cost: Reduced Cost

Next Steps:

Get a referral from <https://sightsaversamerica.org/contact-us/> to get more info.

Website: Program's Website <https://sightsaversamerica.org/eye-care/>

❖ **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation**

Services: Provides vision and hearing care to individuals in financial need. Care includes eye exams, eyeglasses, eye surgeries, low vision aids, artificial eyes and hearing aids. Applications are available from local Lions Clubs, health department and DFCS. Call 404-325-3630. Visit <https://lionslighthouse.org/>