

Dentists and Orthodontists

❖ **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.

❖ **Orthodontic Scholarship by Smile for a Lifetime Foundation**

Eligibility:

Must have good dental hygiene practices.

Must be enrolled in school with a C average or above GPA.

Must have a social impediment or moderate/severe need for braces.

Applicants are children or young adults (age can vary per provider).

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

Should demonstrate a willingness to get involved in the community through volunteer service. Some orthodontists may require 20 hours of volunteer service.

Must have positive letters of recommendation from at least two community leaders or teachers.

Description: Smile for a Lifetime (S4L) is an international program that provides orthodontic scholarships to children and young adults who normally would not be able to afford treatment.

This program provides:

- Help paying for braces

S4L will not charge a fee for the orthodontic treatment -- participating orthodontists and orthodontic manufacturing companies donate their service, including the cost of one set of retainers. The only fees incurred are an initial \$20 non-refundable application fee and a \$480 investment fee to cover that of the program.

Please submit all required documentation via email or fax. The application process is competitive and not all qualified applicants will be guaranteed a scholarship.

Next Steps:

Apply on their website or call 719-535-2777

<https://www.smileforalifetime.org/apply-for-braces>

❖ **Orthodontic Treatment by Smiles Change Lives**

Eligibility:

This program helps people who are 7 to 21 years old.

Must have “good” oral hygiene, moderate to severe need for braces; Not be wearing braces currently; Family must meet the SCL financial guidelines (varies by geographic location); Be willing to pay the non-refundable \$30 (USD) application fee and the non-refundable \$650 (USD) required financial investment (per child).

Description: Smiles Change Lives, through our partnership and network of orthodontists, offers families that cannot afford the full cost of braces an affordable option for obtaining treatment for their children. We match families with caring orthodontists willing to provide orthodontic treatment, donating their time and efforts to change the lives of motivated, deserving children in their communities.

Services provided:

- Braces

Our program is a true partnership in which the family, the orthodontist and SCL all work together to help children receive the smiles they deserve. Our required financial investment of \$650.00 is your investment in your child’s beautiful new smile as well as a pledge of you and your child’s commitment to the time and effort required throughout this process. When you pay the fee, you know that not only will your child benefit, but that you are also paying it forward to help the program be available to assist other children and families in the future.

Please visit the Kids and Parents section of our website to find out more about our program and how you can apply. Once SCL has received a complete application, it will be reviewed by the SCL Review Panel, and the family will be notified whether the child is qualified for the program and will be placed on a waitlist. If you do not see your metro area listed, it is possible that SCL does not have a partner provider in your area. In this case, we still encourage you to apply to the program, and SCL will work to recruit a provider in your area. The waiting period will be at least 18 to 24 months in areas where we do not currently have a provider.

Next Steps:

Go to the program's website Apply on their website

<https://smileschangelives.org/>

❖ **General Dentistry by Kool Smiles – Georgia**

Description: Kool Smiles provides dental care to patients of all ages, from infants to the elderly. Dentists develop a customized dental hygiene plan for every patient to prevent, diagnose, and treat dental problems, from tooth decay, gum disease and other issues.

This program provides:

- Dental care

Specific services include:

- Regular exams (including diagnostic images like x-rays)
- Teeth cleanings
- Sealants, if advised
- Custom-made mouthguards for patients involved in sports
- The removal of tooth decay and filling the cavity
- Root canals
- Dental bridges and dental implants
- Dental crowns

This program accepts Medicaid, private and commercial insurance. If you don't have insurance, ask about their family discount dental plans starting at \$89 a month.

To schedule an appointment, call your nearest location or visit the website.

Languages: English, Spanish

Cost: Reduced Cost

Next Steps:

Call 470-299-0704 (your nearest location)

Schedule on their website

<https://www.mykoolsmiles.com/service/general-dentistry/>

❖ **Give Back A Smile (GBAS) by American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD)**

Eligibility:

Must meet with a domestic violence/sexual assault advocate, case manager, counselor, faith leader, therapist, or doctor with experience in counseling survivors of domestic violence/sexual assault, at least once.

Must include a \$20.00 application fee. This is nonrefundable OR complete 10 hours of community service (volunteer work) before sending in your application.

This program helps people who are older than 17 years old.

Description: The Give Back a Smile (GBAS) program connects adult survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence who've received dental injuries from the abuse with volunteer cosmetic dentists who donate their time and services to restore their smiles.

This program provides:

- Dental care

There is a \$20.00 application fee. This is nonrefundable. If you're mailing in your application, the fee must be paid by money order only, or you can complete 10 hours of community service before sending in your application. The community service must have been performed within 12 months of the date of your application. You can volunteer for the charity choice.

If you initially qualify and there is an available volunteer dentist within 200 miles of your location, you will be referred to a volunteer dentist who makes the final decision of your eligibility. It's your responsibility to call and schedule your consultation appointment with the volunteer dentist.

The application can be completed online, or you can download the application from our website. You can also call to request an application be mailed to you. If you are mailing your application, send your completed application to the office by mail to: Give Back a Smile 402 West Wilson Street Madison WI 53703, or by fax. Please do not fax applications if you are including a money order.

The program does not guarantee implants or patient requested dental work. This is a volunteer program, and the dentist decides what kinds of dental work fits within the guidelines. You are not accepted into the program until the dentist sees you for a consultation.

Languages: English

Cost: Reduced Cost

Next Steps:

Apply on their website or Call 800-772-4227

<https://www.givebackasmile.com/apply>