

Low Cost / No Cost Vision Resources

Americas Best Contacts & Eyeglasses: Check local phone listing; Portland & Tigard only in Oregon; 2 pair single vision eyeglasses including exam for \$69.95; 2 pair bifocals including eye exam \$112; some prescription strength limitations.

Binyon's: Check local phone listings; usual discounts are buy one get one free, 2 pr. Single vision plastic lenses \$99 or lined bifocal \$149 and up; exam separate choose frames that retail 59.95 or less.

Blinded Veterans Foundation of Oregon, Inc.: The Blinded Veterans Foundation - 541-265-9087; was created to help defray costs and make it possible for blinded veterans to access the treatments and medications they need.

Boys and Girls Clubs: Check local phone listings; referred by staff and parents. Will provide assistance as resources allow, in obtaining eyeglasses for participants of their program.

Casey Eye Institute: Elks Children's Eye Clinic – 503 -494-7830; Social Worker 503-494-1618 (for financial concerns); Usual access is by children that already go there for their care for eye conditions requiring medical treatment. Elks pay for eyeglasses if needed.

Devers Eye Institute: 503-413-7022; speak with Dana Ritsema or Barbara Lynn; \$25 Refractive only exam (tells prescription only, no eye health exam); \$50 Eyeglasses; Must get both, no eyeglasses without their exam.

EyeCare America: 1-800-391-3937 24 hrs, detailed program descriptions at www.eyecareamerica.org. Seniors EyeCare & Diabetes EyeCare Programs, must be US citizen or legal resident, age 65 or older, haven't seen an ophthalmologist in 3 or more years, do not have eye care insurance through an HMO or the VA. Eligible persons receive a comprehensive, medical eye exam and up to 1 year of treatment at no out-of-pocket expense for any condition diagnosed during initial exam. Accept Medicare and/or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full. Excludes Eyeglasses, prescription drugs, hospital services, and fees of other medical professionals. Glaucoma EyeCare Program, must be US citizen or legal resident, have not had eye exam in 12 months or more, at increased risk for glaucoma (family history, race, age), does not belong to an HMO or the VA. Same exclusions apply.

Irrigon Lions Memorial Fund: Provides financial aid for vision and hearing services in Lane County.

KEX Kids Fund: Referral by school nurse, counselor, or other designated school representative only in state accredited schools, the public school system and state or federally funded alternative schools in the following counties: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, Tillamook, and Yamhill. For children birth to 17 years, limited exceptions for 18 through 21. Guidelines: child qualifies for free or reduced lunches; family income is \$25,000 or less for family of four; child enrolled in state or federal funded program such as Headstart, no or only partial insurance benefits. Also funds hearing exam and hearing aids.

LensCrafters: Gift of Sight Vouchers given by local Lions Clubs or other organizations to purchase low cost eyeglasses; On-site vouchers include a limited number of free vision exams and eyeglasses for walk-ins, often booked well in advance; also includes a very limited number of exams and eyeglasses for persons referred by approved agency with statement of need, agency's Tax ID number on letterhead; Hometown Day is one day during the first week of December, applicants must be pre-screened, appointments made well in advance, normally by referring agencies.

Oregon Foundation for Vision Awareness: www.ofva.org; apply on-line. They serve as both a clearinghouse for resource listings and also provide some vision assistance.

Pacific University: Southeast Family Vision Clinic at 503-988-3506; Sliding fee scale as low as \$40, depending on household income and number of people living in household; single vision lenses \$99; bifocals \$139, frames free if they don't have funds. Must pay \$40 up front; \$40 deposit to order eyeglasses. Exam normally \$140, so make sure to ask about sliding fee scale.

Sam Tyler Commemorative Fund: Provides financial aid for vision services in Lane County.

Sight for Students (for children): 1-888-290-4964; www.sightforstudents.org. Must be legal resident, have no vision insurance, income less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level to qualify.

Vision USA (for children and adults): 1-800-766-4466; nationwide program. Vision exams; once qualified, the entire family is qualified. One adult in household must have at least a part-time job.