

Kentucky Vision Project (KVP)

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Our Mission... To provide eye and vision care to low income Kentuckians of all ages.

The Kentucky Vision Project (KVP) was established in 1985 by members of the Kentucky Optometric Association concerned about Kentuckians who needed eye care but were unable to afford it. They wanted to help people who were on limited incomes and had no insurance or other means of assistance to help pay for eye care. KVP, a charitable 501 c3 organization, links recipients to volunteer optometrists. Recipients receive comprehensive eye examinations and new glasses if needed.

KVP is a collaborative effort of the members of the Kentucky Optometric Association, optical laboratories and frame companies. None of our volunteer partners receive any money for their services or products. KVP does not receive state or federal funds. Patient donations keep the program ongoing. All donations are tax deductible.

1. The applicant cannot have had an eye exam in the past 12 months.
2. Applicants under the age of 21 with a medical card are not eligible.
3. Applicants may only go through the program one time only.
4. **Proof of income (documentation) must be submitted with the KVP application, and the applicant must sign the application.** If the application is incomplete, it will not be processed.
5. KVP applications are screened by an evaluator (Salvation Army Officer, Community Action Agency or Kentucky Home Place). Applicants must meet 110 percent of current federal poverty guidelines.
6. Applicant may see participating KVP doctors only. Approved KVP applicants will be assigned to a participating KVP doctor by the KVP office.
7. The eye exam is free; however, the applicant's insurance may be billed. If glasses are needed, a \$25 donation is requested. This is to help pay lab fees and administrative costs to keep the project running.
8. Applicant must select from donated/designated frames for glasses.
9. Only plastic lenses are available. Lined bifocal and trifocal lenses are permitted if needed.
10. Tinted lenses and no-line bifocals, or additional coatings **are not available**. Rimless, semi-rimless frames are **not to be used with KVP**.
11. Applicant should not contact a doctor for an appointment until advised to do so by the KVP office.
12. Doctor must include **OD-KVP Letter** when submitting KVP frame to a lab to be filled.

Some counties have a larger volume of applicants and could be placed on a waiting list. Allow 2-3 weeks to process.