

## **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 money for their services or products. KVP does not receive state or federal funds. Patient donations keep the program running. All donations are tax deductible.

### **KVP Eligibility:**

1. The applicant must have family income at or under 110% of the Federal Poverty Level guidelines.
2. The applicant must NOT have vision coverage (eyecare services or prescription eyewear) from private insurance or through a government program, such as Medicaid. Applicants under the age of 21 with a medical card (Medicaid or SNAP) are NOT eligible.
3. If applicant had an eye exam in the past 12 months by a doctor who does not participate in KVP, they are not eligible.
4. Applicants may go through KVP one time only.

### **KVP Application and Appointment Information:**

1. 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.
2. KVP applications may be screened by an evaluator (Salvation Army Officer, Community Action Agency, Kentucky Homeplace, etc.).
3. Approved applicants will be assigned to a participating KVP optometrist by the KVP office. A letter will be mailed to the approved applicant with further instructions. Applicants should not contact a doctor for an appointment until advised to do so by the KVP office.
4. The participating KVP optometrist provides services free of charge. Should glasses be needed, a \$25 donation is requested. This is to help pay lab fees and administrative costs to keep the project running.
5. Applicants must select from designated frames for glasses. Only plastic lenses are available. Lined bifocal and trifocal lenses are permitted, if needed. Tinted lenses, no-line bifocals, and additional coatings **are not available**. Rimless, semi-rimless frames are **not to be used with KVP**.
6. The optometrist's office must include the **OD-KVP Letter** when submitting the KVP frame to a KVP participating lab to be filled.
7. Some counties have a larger volume of applicants and could be placed on a waiting list. Allow 2-3 weeks to process.