



## THE VISION PROJECT

The Vision Project (TVP) provides medically necessary eye care services and surgeries at no cost for uninsured, low-income patients. The program is an effort supported by Minnesota Eye Foundation, along with the assistance of volunteer surgeons, nurses, anesthetists and vendors willing to donate their time, expertise, equipment, and supplies.

Approved patients receive the following services at no cost:

- A medical evaluation with an Ophthalmologist.
- A pre-operative physical with a Physician's Assistant.
- The surgical procedure at Minnesota Eye Consultants.
- Any post-operative medications (e.g., eye drops) required for the immediate healing period (not to exceed 30 days).
- The post-operative visits related to the procedure for 6 months.

## PATIENT ELIGIBILITY

The Vision Project operates on a first come, first serve basis. For consideration, the patient must:

- Have a medical diagnosis causing a significant decrease in vision.
- Live in the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area or can arrange transportation to and from a Minnesota Eye Consultants' office location. ***The Minnesota Eye Foundation does not provide transportation or financial assistance.***
- Not have insurance coverage to pay for the treatment or requested service. ***Patients eligible for Medicaid (Medical Assistance) or Medicare must apply for coverage prior to applying to The Vision Project.***
- Have annual household income of less than **200% of the current year's [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#).**

The patient is financially responsible for any medications and postoperative care required beyond the coverage period. We encourage patients to speak directly with their provider to confirm coverage before receiving any services.



## HOW CAN PATIENTS APPLY?

The following documents are required (incomplete applications will be rejected):

- A completed and signed patient application; incomplete applications will result in a delay.
- A copy of one or more of the following documents showing proof of income for all employed or benefits-eligible individuals residing in the same household:
  - Two recent income statements or a letter from the employer stating average number of hours worked per pay period, wage, and pay frequency (**three months of income statements required for Corneal Collagen Cross-linking requests**).
  - Social security, pension, or railroad retirement statements (SSA-1099 or similar).
  - Pages 1 & 2 of your previous year's federal tax return (form 1040 or 1040EZ).
  - Wage and tax statements (W-2 forms).
- A copy of the patient's most recent eye exam summary (dated within the past twelve months).

The Minnesota Eye Foundation accepts complete applications using any of the following methods:

### E-mail

TheVisionProject@mneye.com

### Fax

(952) 567-6156  
Attn: MN Eye Foundation

### Mail

Minnesota Eye Foundation  
9801 Dupont Ave South, Suite 200  
Bloomington, MN 55431

Please allow **30 business days** for processing. If approved, patients must attend an evaluation to determine the progression of their diagnosis and necessity of treatment. **An approval does not guarantee treatment.**

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the Program Administrator at [TheVisionProject@mneye.com](mailto:TheVisionProject@mneye.com) or **(952) 346-2192**.