

# Paying for Eye Care

## Exams, Glasses, & More



Are you having trouble paying for eye care? The programs listed below may be able to help you in getting an eye exam, eye glasses, or other services at a reduced cost.

## Brown County Resources

### Home Town Days

**Contact: (920) 448-6400 (Brown County Healthy Department)**

The one-day service is offered by a local eye care provider one day a year (date and time determined by the eye care provider). If you do not have insurance or are financially eligible (low-income), you can receive a free eye exam and eye glasses. There is not an age limit to receive services.

### Lenscrafters OneSight Program

If you feel overwhelmed and unable to cope with your life situation, you need to get help right away. The Crisis Center has counselors available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help you. Their services are free and confidential. Crisis Center counselors will listen to you, provide an assessment of your situation, and help you develop a plan to meet your needs. They can help you with a wide variety of issues including: stress management, major life changes, suicidal thoughts, depression, relationship issues, anxiety, and alcohol and drug abuse.

### Lions Club

**Contact: (920) 562-1900 (Susan Strand)**

Brown County has a couple of Lions Club organizations in the community. These clubs may be able to help with the cost of an eye exam and glasses. There is not an age limit to receive services.

You must meet these eligibility requirements:

1. Have a documented need for glasses (from vision screening nurse or school nurse)
2. Low-income (reason you are unable to pay for the eye exam and glasses)
3. If you are an adult, you will be asked to write a letter explaining your need and the reason why you are unable to pay for the eye exam and glasses

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## Office for the Blind & Visually Impaired

**200 N. Jefferson St. #501 Green Bay**

**Contact: (920) 448-5234 | [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/blind/index](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/blind/index)**

If you have specific questions on eye care or other reduced-cost options available in Brown County, this state office has a local location.

## Prevent Blindness Wisconsin

**Contact: [www.wisconsin.preventblindness.org](http://www.wisconsin.preventblindness.org)**

This foundation offers different programs to help adults and children pay for eye care services. The Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program covers the cost of eye glasses and is available to children and adults who meet certain eligibility criteria. Mobile Eyes is another program that covers the cost of eye exam and glasses. This is available to adults who meet certain eligibility criteria. Visit the foundation's website for more information on eligibility criteria and other resources.

## National Resources

### EyeCare America

**Contact: (877) 877-6327 | [www.aao.org/eyecare-america](http://www.aao.org/eyecare-america)**

The American Academy of Ophthalmology runs EyeCare America, a program providing eye care at no out-of-pocket cost to qualified individuals. You must be a U.S. citizen age 65 or older, are not currently seeing an ophthalmologist, and do not belong to an HMO or have eye care coverage through the Veterans Administration. You may be eligible to receive a medical eye exam and up to one year of care for any disease. If you are not eligible for this type of care, but are determined to be at a high risk for glaucoma, you may be able to receive a free glaucoma eye exam. You must be uninsured and have not had an eye exam in the past 12 months. EyeCare America does not cover the cost of eyeglasses.

### New Eyes

**Contact: [www.new-eyes.org](http://www.new-eyes.org)**

This national organization offers an eyeglass voucher program. Eligible low-income individuals can receive new prescription eyeglasses with the voucher (typically a basic pair of single or lined bifocal eyeglasses). New Eyes does not pay for eye exams.

You must apply online for the voucher program.

## Zenni Optical

**Contact: [www.zennioptical.com](http://www.zennioptical.com)**

This internet-based company provides low-cost eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses, on-prescription sunglasses, sports glasses, and goggles. Orders must be placed online. If you have the measurements for your frame size and pupillary distance (PD) from a recent eye exam, this is helpful when placing your order. If you do not have these measurements, Zenni's website has simple written instructions and how-to videos to help you get your measurements on your own.



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