

NORTHWEST OHIO LIONS EYE CARE FOUNDATION, INC.

Because We Care www.ohiolionsoh1.org Lion PCC Darlene Roll, President 419-371-5515

1385 TR 216 Bellefontaine, OH 43311

Dear Applicant, We are sorry to hear you are having vision problems. In order to consider your request for assistance from our Foundation, we need information regarding your vision problems and financial circumstances. Lions try to help individuals to obtain eye care when they cannot afford it. Our limited funds are from donations by the public through their support of Lions Club fund raising projects. We conserve our resources so as to assist as many people as possible. Children receive first priority.

Our Foundation covers cataract procedures (one eye), laser surgery for diabetic eye problems, and we provide loaner Low Vision reading machines. The Foundation does <u>not cover basic eye exams</u>, <u>contacts nor glasses</u>. This care is arranged through the local Lions Club. We must first approve, after evaluation of circumstances, *prior* to any eye procedure; we also <u>do not cover any surgery already performed</u>. A low vision center evaluation is required to determine which type of low vision machine is most beneficial.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the **Request Application** and return it to our President, PCC Darlene Roll at the above address. Sign the **HIPAA Release of Medical Information** form and give this to your eye doctor, so that your doctor can tell us what is needed. This release form is necessary to conform to privacy laws; the doctor cannot inform us of your problem without this signed release. Have your doctor complete the **Doctor's Medical Data** form and sign it. *Please ask the doctor to mail it directly to PCC Darlene Roll.* Lions will keep your data confidential, and your case is only referred to by assigned case number, not by your name.

If you are having problems completing forms call 419-371-5515.

Your case may take up to ninety (90) days to complete the process. Every member of this foundation is a volunteer; we have no paid staff. (Exceptional cases of an ocular emergency will be handled with urgency). You will be contacted when a decision is made.

Sincerely, Lion PCC Darlene Roll 419-371-5515 President, NW Ohio Lions Eyecare Foundation

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