

SIGHT FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM

The Florida Association of School Nurses (FASN) runs this program with the National Association of School Nurses. When your Lions Club sponsors a school nurse to be a member of the National Association (\$110 for dues) the nurse gets 25 free vouchers which can be given to the child/parent which pays for an eye exam and glasses.

Called the Sight for Students program: It is a benefit of membership in the Florida Association of School Nurses. Vision Vouchers are provided by the Vision Services Plan to the school nurses.

These vouchers are given to the student along with a list of doctors that accept them. The voucher pays for the exam and, if needed, glasses for students until they are 18 years old. Manatee County lists 32 providers!

Each FASN member school nurse who asks receives 25 vision vouchers that are good for one year from the time they are sent (Aug 08- Aug 09, April 08 - April 09, etc.) If the school nurse needs more, all she has to do is ask.

The criteria is the same that Lions Club uses: free or reduced lunch, no Medicare or vision insurance, failed the screening and referred by a school nurse, has a Social Security number.

The cost to sponsor a school nurse's membership is \$110/year = 25 vision vouchers. If the exam and glasses comes to \$100 per student, that equals \$2500 for a \$110 investment. If it is \$200, \$5000 return on your investment, \$300 = \$7500 return on your \$110 investment.

It is a win-win-win proposal: doctors are paid fairly for their services, school nurses are part of their professional organization and Lions clubs can serve more students and adults.

To do this, determine how many sponsorships you would like to provide (\$110 per nurse), contact the school nurse coordinator in your area to get the names of the nurses they would like to receive the sponsorships. Your check would be made out to the National Association of School Nurses (our partner organization), the nurses would fill out the membership form obtained from the NASN web site, www.NASN.org, and the 2 would be mailed in. Although the nurses may not get their membership card for 4-6 weeks, they can contact NASN for a letter stating they are members which they would fax with the Sight for Students form to VSP. The certificates arrive less than 2 weeks later.

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