

NC Eye Care Financial Aid Resources

Division of Services for the Blind –Medical Care Program

All ages, funding for those in need of eye exam, eyeglasses or low vision aids. Must meet income eligibility, be a resident of NC and ineligible for Medicaid.

919-733-9744 or contact County Social Services office and ask for Social Worker for the blind.

<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dsb/index.htm>

NC Lions Foundation

All ages, services vary by area of the state. Must be a US citizen. Phone calls answered by volunteers, do not call at very early or late in the evening.

1-800-662-7401 Ext. 224

828-478-2135

http://www.nclf.org/matching_funds.html

UNC Eye Clinic Chapel Hill

All ages, free or low cost eye exams depending on ability to pay, Income verification required.

919-966-5296

Seniors Eye Care Program (formerly National Eye Care Project)

Sponsored by American Academy of Ophthalmology

Provides free or low cost eye exams for US citizens or legal residents, ages 65 and older that have not had access to an ophthalmologist in the last 3 years and are not enrolled in an HMO.

Can not qualify if have Veterans eye benefits.

1-800-222-3937

<http://www.eyecareamerica.org/>

Eye Care America Foundation:

Sponsored by American Academy of Ophthalmology

Call for a list of programs for people with other health conditions, Including diabetes, glaucoma, and macular degeneration.

1-800-272-3937

<http://www.eyecareamerica.org/>

Vision USA

Provides free eye exams for children & adults, and Dr. may be able to provide free eyewear. To be eligible, an individual must be working or be part of a household with one member working at least part time, has no vision insurance, have not had an eye exam in the past 24 months, and meet income guidelines.

1-800-662-7030

<http://www.aoa.org/x5607.xml>

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Angel Food Ministries provide families with approximately \$65 worth of food for \$30.

ABOUT THE FOOD

Each month's menu is different and consists of fresh, frozen and packaged food. The cost for a box of Angel Food is \$30. There is no purchase limit for boxes of Angel Food. There are no applications or qualifications necessary to purchase.

ABOUT THE VALUE

Comparison shopping nationwide in various grocery stores has revealed that the average retail value for the same food items would be approximately \$65. Generally, one box of Angel Food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month.

ABOUT SPECIALITY BOXES

Each month, Angel Food Ministries also offers "specialty boxes" of steak, chicken, pork or other foods. This bonus program affords participants additional food choices at a great value. There is no purchase limit for specialty boxes or bonus foods. There are no applications or qualifications necessary to purchase.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

To better help families in need, Angel Food Ministries participates in the **Food Stamp Program**. This program is designed to help low-income families buy the food they need for good nutrition. Each month, by processing the most offline Food Stamp vouchers in the country, Angel Food is helping feed approximately 100,000 people in the United States.

PURCHASING ANGEL FOOD

There are no restrictions, conditions or forms to fill out to purchase Angel Food. The food relief program is open to one and all. Anyone may purchase an unlimited number of boxes of Angel Food by placing an order with a local Angel Food host site

TO LOCATE LOCAL HOST SITE

The website <https://www.angelfoodministries.com/> has a listing of local distribution sites for Angel Food Ministries. The locations are identified by zip code in their data base. Local sites can also be determined by calling 1-888-819-3745

LifeLine – LinkUp- SafeLink

Discount Local Telephone Service:

If you receive SSI, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Sec. 8 Housing Assistance, Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) or Work First Family Assistance benefits, and the telephone service is in your name, you may be eligible for local telephone service discounts. Link-Up provides a 50 percent discount, up to \$30, off the price of connecting local telephone service. Lifeline provides a discount of up to \$13.50 per month on the cost of local telephone service. SafeLink is a wireless phone service.

If you do NOT have telephone service now:

- Contact your local telephone company to order service and ask them to mail you an application form for the reduction of telephone service.
- Depending on the type of benefits you receive, take the form to your case worker at the Department of Social Services, your local SSA representative at Social Security or your Housing Authority or Section 8 official for approval.
- The agency will mail the completed form to the telephone company.
- The Link-Up discount appears on the first bill. If you request service to be installed before the approved form is received by the telephone company, you will not receive the Link-Up discount.

If you already HAVE telephone service:

- Depending on the type of benefits you receive, contact your case worker, local SSA representative, or housing official and have them complete the Link-Up/Lifeline form and mail it to your telephone company.
- The Lifeline discount will begin after the telephone company receives the approved form.

NOTE: If your telephone service has been disconnected for unpaid bills, you may still be able to get local service and use these discounts. Ask your telephone company for details.

Safe Link Wireless

The Safe Link Wireless service will provide eligible low-income households a free cell phone, mobile access to emergency services and free 68 minutes of air time, monthly, for one year. The cell phone offers in-demand features: voicemail, text, call waiting, international calling to over 60 destinations and caller ID. For more information, contact Safe Link enrollment support 1-800-977-3768 or visit www.safelink.com.