



Dear Mission Cataract Applicant,

Attached is the application packet that is required for you to be considered as a candidate for our Mission Cataract program. Please be aware that due to the nature of this program, there are very specific financial and medical measures that a candidate must meet in order to be considered, including the Health and Human Services annually published Federal Poverty Guidelines. Please complete all forms included in the application packet and provide all requested information to avoid delay in processing your application or rejection due to lack of required information. If you have any questions regarding the application, please call the Mission Cataract Team at **941-493-2020**.

The application deadline for Mission Cataract 2024 is May 23, 2025.

Below is a list of forms included in the Mission Cataract application packet.

Mission Cataract Application

Please complete all four (4) pages of the application **and** enclose copies of financial support documentation with your application. If you have other household members, their tax information is also required.

Examples of financial support documentation include:

1. 2023 Federal tax return
2. Documentation to support that no Federal tax return was required due to lack of income
3. 2023 W2(s) and / or 1099(s) income statements
4. 2023 Social Security retirement or disability income statement (SSA1099)
5. Qualifying documentation for food stamps

Patient Acknowledgement of Mission Cataract Scope of Services

The Patient Acknowledgement of Mission Cataract Scope of Services describes the services covered under the Mission Cataract program. Please review this document, sign, and date.

Media Consent Agreement

Center For Sight has created a donor-advised fund of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation to continue our sight saving work for people in need. The non-profit mission of the Center for Sight Foundation is dedicated to providing cataract surgeries for people who don't have insurance or the means to pay for treatment. The Foundation relies on philanthropic gifts from individuals and companies. The Media Consent agreement outlines how your story might be shared to raise awareness about Mission Cataract. Please review this document, sign, and date.



Alcon Cares Surgical Patient Assistance Program (S-PAP)

The Alcon Cares Application allows Center For Sight to work with the Alcon Cares Surgical Patient Assistance Program (S-PAP) to provide supplies for Mission Cataract procedures. Please complete the **Patient Information** section of this document and return this form to Center For Sight with the Mission Cataract application packet. Do not send this form directly to Alcon as there are additional pages that need to be completed by the Physician.

You may mail your completed application packet to:

Center For Sight Foundation
Attention: Mission Cataract
1360 East Venice Avenue
Venice, Florida 34285

Or you may fax your completed application packet to 941-499-7847

REMINDER: The application deadline is May 23, 2025.

What happens next?

1. When your information is received, your application will be screened for financial qualification.
2. If financially qualified, you will be contacted to schedule a preliminary medical screening with an Optometrist. Medical screenings will begin in June 2025.
3. If the results of your medical screening meet the criteria for cataract surgery, you will be contacted again to schedule a consultation with one of our Ophthalmologists. Consultations will begin July 2025.
4. The Ophthalmologist will make the decision for surgery during your consultation. Your surgical appointment, post-operative visits and any additional appointments will be scheduled at this time. Surgeries will be performed in August 2025.

Due to the number of applications, we process for Mission Cataract, we respectfully ask that you do not make repeated calls to ask about the status of your application. You will be notified either by phone or mail as soon as your candidacy is confirmed or rejected.

Thank you for your cooperation!
Center For Sight Foundation ~ Team Mission Cataract



MISSION CATARACT APPLICATION

Please complete the following information and attach the required financial documentation to be considered for the Mission Cataract Program. For questions regarding the application, please call **941-493-2020**.

Applicant Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female Preferred Language*: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____
Street Address

_____ City State Zip Code

I am: U.S. Citizen Resident Alien (Green Card) Other: _____

Marital Status: Divorced Married Separated Single Widowed

I am: Homeowner Renter Boarder Homeless

Total number of people in my family / household: _____ Please list names and relationships below.

If you need additional space for household members, please attach a separate list. See attached list.

_____ Spouse Child Parent Roommate Other: _____

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I am: Employed - Full Time Employed - Part Time Retired Unemployed

If employed, what is your place of employment? _____

If unemployed or retired, what was your occupation? _____

I have: No Insurance Medicare Medicaid Other Insurance: _____

How did you hear about Operation Sight? _____

If referred by a physician, what is the physician's name? _____



Monthly Household Income

What is your monthly income? _____

What is your spouse's monthly income? _____

What is the monthly income of others in your home; not including roommates? _____

Do you receive social security disability? If so, how much? _____

Do you receive a retirement pension? If so, how much? _____

Do you receive any government assistance (i.e., food stamps)? If so, how much? _____

Do you have rental income from real estate? If so, how much? _____

Do you receive any other income from any other source? If so, how much? _____

Do you receive any financial assistance from friends or family? If so, how much? _____

Total Monthly Income _____

Monthly Household Expenses

Rental or Mortgage Payment _____

Food (groceries and restaurants) _____

Clothing _____

Transportation (i.e. car, public, friends, etc.) _____

Utilities (i.e. electric, water, etc.) _____

Medical Expenses including Prescriptions _____

Misc. Expenses (i.e. pet care, loan debt, etc.) _____

Total Monthly Expenses _____



Have you been diagnosed with cataracts by a physician? Yes No

Have you been diagnosed with any other eye conditions or diseases? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Do you wear glasses or contact lenses? Yes No

When was your last eye exam? _____

What is the name of the physician that performed your eye exam? _____

How bad is your vision today? What do you have the most difficulty seeing or doing?

When did you first realize that you were having difficulty seeing?

How is your poor vision affecting your quality of life? (i.e., work, hobbies, etc.)

Do you use any visual aides to assist you in your daily routine? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____



What are some of the things you are excited to do when your vision is restored, and you can see better again?

How do you feel about Center For Sight donating free cataract surgery?

Would you be willing to share your story to help raise awareness about Mission Cataract? Yes No

I have attached the following financial support documentation with my application.

- Federal tax return
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- W2(s) and / or 1099(s) income statements
- Social Security retirement or disability income statement (SSA1099)
- Qualifying documentation for food stamps
- Other: _____

Reminder: Financial documentation **must** be included with your application to be considered for Mission Cataract.

I confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

***If English is not my primary language, I certify that I will bring a translator with me to all visits including my surgical appointments.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____



MEDIA CONSENT AGREEMENT

Entered into this _____ day of _____, 2025, by and between
 _____ (enter date) _____ (enter month)
 _____ (print name) (hereinafter referred to as the Subject)
 and Center For Sight.

I hereby grant Center For Sight the right to photograph or videotape me with the intent to use for media relations, social media, press coverage, publicity, education, advertising and other promotions via brochures, posters, picture murals, website, press releases, videotapes, film and text and any other written or digital purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

1. Subject consents to the use of handwritten testimonials, videotapes, photographs, interviews, direct and indirect quotes and/or likeness of Subject made or hereinafter to be made by Center For Sight or representatives thereof, alone or with others, obtained while either on or off Center For Sight premises and affiliated offices and facilities.
2. Center For Sight agrees that said videotapes, photographs, interviews, direct and indirect quotes and/or likeness of Subject will be used solely in the interest of positive representations of Center For Sight and/or Subject and only for the purpose of media relations, social media, press coverage, publicity, entertainment, education, advertising, and other promotions via brochures, posters, picture murals, website, press releases, videotapes, film and text, as well as any other written or digital purposes.
3. Subject agrees that Center For Sight is to be the sole owner of all rights and copyright holder of the videotapes, photographs, interviews, content about, direct and indirect quotes and/or likeness of Subject for all purposes set forth herein.
4. Subject understands that he/she shall receive no financial compensation or any form of remuneration for the use of videotapes, photographs, interviews, content about, direct and indirect quotes and/or likeness of Subject.
5. Subject further understands that Center For Sight has no control over the subsequent use of said videotapes, photographs, interviews, content about, direct and indirect quotes, and/or likeness of Subject and text by other parties after it has been published or used by Center For Sight via social media, brochures, posters, picture murals, website, press releases, videotapes, film, text and any other written or digital purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement on the month, day and year specified above.

 Subject's Signature

 Date



PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SCOPE OF MISSION CATARACT SERVICES

Center For Sight is proud to support and participate with Mission Cataract and remains committed to our annual effort to restore sight for patients who might not otherwise have the means to pay for cataract surgery.

Center For Sight donates the time and expertise of the surgeons, optometrist, nurses, technicians and other support staff as well as the use of its state-of-the-art facility for all surgeries. Each year, Center For Sight donates more than 1,000 man-hours to this vital program.

The Center For Sight Foundation donates funds to acquire intraocular lens implants, medications, surgical supplies and post-operative glasses for Mission Cataract patients, so there is absolutely no cost to patients.

Just as financial candidacy for this program is determined by the Federal Poverty guidelines as issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, so the medical services are rendered in accordance with federal Medicare guidelines. Following those guidelines, Mission Cataract provides for manual cataract surgery with a standard intraocular lens implant and 90-day post-operative care directly related to the surgical procedure(s).

Mission Cataract does not include laser cataract surgery or advanced lenses which are not covered under Medicare guidelines. Medical care unrelated to the cataract surgery(ies) provided is not considered part of the Mission Cataract program.

Following cataract surgery, a YAG procedure may be recommended to correct blurring of vision which occurs due to a natural progressive cloudiness of the capsule into which the standard intraocular lens is placed. This procedure, if recommended, would be covered under the Mission Cataract program within the same calendar year of the cataract surgery. Outside of that period a financial application must be completed to reconfirm candidacy for the Mission Cataract program.

By my signature below, I acknowledge my understanding of the services, and limitations thereof, for the cataract surgery(ies) that I will receive at no charge to me through Mission Cataract.

Patient Name
(printed): _____

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____