

## **SIGHT FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM**

### **A Referral Network for Free Eye Exams and Eyeglasses for Children**

#### **ABOUT SIGHT FOR STUDENTS:**

The Sight for Students program is VSP's national charity program that provides free eye exams and glasses, when prescribed, to thousands of children who qualify for their program each year. More than 50,000 children each year receive a free comprehensive exam and corrective lenses, if needed, through Sight for Students. Last year, Prevent Blindness Texas distributed approximately 2,400 Sight for Students vouchers to help children receive a free eye exam and/or eyeglasses through this program.

#### **ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S VISION:**

Prevent Blindness America recommends a continuum of eye care for children to include both vision screening and comprehensive eye examinations. All children, even those with no signs of trouble, should have their eyes checked at regular intervals. Any child who experiences vision problems or shows symptoms of eye trouble should see an eye doctor for a complete eye exam.

#### **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:**

- Family income is no more than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines;
- Child is not enrolled in Medicaid, CHIPS or any other vision insurance that covers vision;
- Child is 18 years or younger and has not graduated high school;
- Child or parent is a U.S. citizen or documented immigrant with a social security number;
- Child has not used our program during the last 12 months.

#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Request an application by contacting your nearest PBT office or by calling our toll free number at 1-888-98-SIGHT to receive an application.
- **Mail or fax your COMPLETED application to your nearest PBT office along with ONE COPY of the following:**
  - Proof of **ALL INCOME IN THE HOUSEHOLD** which may include the last 2 paycheck stubs, W-2 form, SSI Award Letter, Child Support, Disability Award Letter, Food Stamp Award Letter, Self-employment, Unemployment Benefits, or other contributions for each member in the household **OR** letter from the school stating that your child is enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program.

#### **APPROVAL GUIDELINES:**

- Upon receiving approval, the parent/guardian will receive a VSP gift certificate along with a list of Participating Doctors.
- The family should select a doctor from the list of Participating Doctors and make an appointment.
- When making an appointment, please be sure to tell the doctor's office you have VSP insurance and please be sure to take your gift certificate with you to your appointment.
- **It will take 1-3 weeks to process your application once it is received.**

**"I just want to thank [the Sight for Students] program for assisting me in a time of need with glasses for my child. It is really a blessing to have a program such as yours. I will always be grateful to the generosity offered to me." Sight for Students Parent**