



THE OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION



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OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2007-2008

Dear Fellow Lions of District 13:

The trustees of your Ohio Lions Foundation are asking for your support of the Foundation's 2007-2008 annual campaign. As a Lions Club member of Multiple District 13, you are automatically a member of the Ohio Lions Foundation. Your generous support over the last twenty-one years has enabled the Foundation to make significant grants totaling in excess of **\$1,000,000** in the following areas:

- **Disaster Relief Grants:** The Foundation is proud of its record of responding quickly with disaster relief grants for food, clothing, blankets, temporary shelter, home heating fuel, medical expenses, eyeglasses and sanitation supplies for victims of floods, tornados, ice storms, fires, and other disasters striking Ohio communities. Since the Foundation's founding more than **\$135,000** has been awarded in disaster relief grants throughout Ohio. This fall, the Foundation responded promptly when numerous Ohio communities such as **Bucyrus, Findlay, Arlington, Bluffton, and Ottawa** experienced severe flooding, awarding in excess of **\$17,000** for food coupons and vouchers for flood victims in these communities.
- **Ohio Lions Foundation - Helen Keller Scholarship Program:** Scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of \$2,750 each, on the basis of financial need and academic ability, to visually impaired Ohio students enrolled as full time students in undergraduate, graduate or professional degree programs at one of the seven participating state universities. The Foundation has approved a total of eleven (11) scholarships to be awarded for the 2007-2008 academic year as follows:

The Ohio State University	4 scholarships
Cleveland State University	1 scholarship
Wright State University),	2 scholarships
Ohio University	1 scholarship
Bowling Green State University	1 scholarship
Youngstown State University	1 scholarship
University of Cincinnati	1 scholarship

The *OLF Helen Keller Scholarship Program* is one of the very few scholarship programs available for visually impaired students pursuing post-graduate courses of study. The *OLF Helen Keller Scholarship Program* is one of the very few scholarship programs available for

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visually impaired students pursuing post-graduate courses of study. To date, **over \$345,000** in Helen Keller Scholarships have been to students in nearly every academic field of study, including nursing, education, rehabilitation, physical therapy, electrical engineering, finance, mathematics, computer / information science, music, law, and veterinary medicine.

- **Ohio Lions Foundation supports Family Seminar at the Ohio State School for the Blind:** The Ohio Lions Foundation approved a grant at its August, 2007, Board meeting in the amount of \$1,000 grant to the American Council for the Blind – Ohio to help support the “*Building Blocks for Better Future Family Seminar*” which was held at the Ohio State School for the Blind on September 15, 2007. The seminar focused on assisting families in their efforts to overcome the challenges that come with being blind or visually impaired.
- **Matching Grant Program for Low-Vision Readers / Video Magnifier Devices for Public Libraries and Senior Centers:** The Ohio Lions Foundation is continuing its Low vision Reader Matching Grant program. The goal of the program which began in May, 2002, is to place low vision readers / video magnifier devices in public libraries and community-based senior centers throughout Ohio. Lions Clubs may apply for matching grants of up to \$1,200 each toward the cost of acquiring the qualified low-vision readers. A brass plaque is placed on each unit acknowledging that the unit was a gift of the local Lions Club and the Foundation. To date a total of 59 low vision reader matching grants have been awarded in the total amount of approximately **\$56,000**. The O.L.F. has budgeted five (5) additional grants for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. A copy of the Low Vision Reader Matching Grant application form is attached.
- **Pre-School Vision Screening Grants:** Pre-school vision screening grants are available to defray the costs of screening pre-school children. The grants may be used to cover the costs of supplies, film, maintenance of the screening cameras, etc. The O.L.F. has budgeted \$3,000 for pre-school vision screening grants for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. In September, 2007, the OLF awarded a \$910 grant to the Lawrence County Early Childhood Center in South Point, Ohio (in the Ironton Lions Club service area), for the acquisition of pre-school vision screening equipment.
- **Capital Grants and Matching Grants:** In addition to the low vision reader matching grant program, over the last twenty years, the OLF has awarded capital and program grants in excess of **\$195,000** to various educational, sight-related organizations and other charitable organizations for various items of adaptive equipment and specific sight-related programs.
- **Advised Restricted Fund Grants:** The OLF also serves as trustee for numerous advised restricted funds. Grants from those funds have been awarded (in excess of **\$276,200**) for such projects as individual eye exams and eyeglasses for needy individuals, maintenance of the Lions Sensory Garden at the Ohio State School for the Blind, individual sight and hearing cases, grants to schools for youth projects, and support of various other sight-related organizations.

Your continued support is needed so that your Foundation's programs can be maintained and expanded. The Ohio Lions Foundation is a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization and therefore contributions, gifts and bequests from individual Lions members, friends of the Lions and community businesses, and other foundations are tax deductible. Transmittal forms with instructions are enclosed for making unrestricted individual and club contributions to the Annual Campaign (blue form) and for making designated gifts such as memorial gifts and gifts to the *Ohio Lions Foundation Helen Keller*

Scholarship Fund (gold form). For your convenience, a properly addressed return envelope is also enclosed.

Commemorative Twentieth Anniversary Trading Pins. In recognition of the OLF's twentieth anniversary, the Foundation has commissioned a distinctive commemorative trading pin featuring the sponsorship of the *Ohio Lions Foundation Helen Keller Scholarship Program*. Pins may be purchased from your district trustee.

Your trustees thank you in advance for your continued support of your Ohio Lions Foundation. For more information, please feel free to contact your district's trustee or any of the Foundation's officers, or visit us on the web at www.ohiolionsfoundation.org.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Jeffrey W. Brantner, Executive Secretary

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INDIVIDUAL AND CLUB GIFTS TO THE OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

DONOR'S NAME: _____

PLEASE INDICATE TYPE OF DONOR:

INDIVIDUAL

▪ Lions Club Member?:

Yes. Please indicate name of Club _____

No

LIONS CLUB OF DISTRICT 13-_____

FOUNDATION / CORPORATION

OTHER _____

DONOR'S ADDRESS: _____

DONOR'S TELEPHONE: (_____) _____

ENCLOSED IS MY (OUR) CHECK PAYABLE TO THE OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION REPRESENTING MY (OUR) CONTRIBUTION TO THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AS FOLLOWS:

FOUNDER (\$1,000. or more)

Name to appear on plaque: _____

Address of recipient: _____

(Please Note: A Founder's pledge may be paid in installments over a four-year period.)

GOLD PATRON (\$500. or more)

PURPLE PATRON (\$100. or more)

PATRON (\$25. or more)

OTHER \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO **THE OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION** AND MAIL TO THE OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION, P.O. BOX 21016, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43221-0016.

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Memorials and Other Designated Gifts To The Ohio Lions Foundation

Donor's Name: _____

If donor is a Lions Club, please indicate the following:

District: _____ Name of club secretary: _____

Address of donor: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Enclosed is my (our) check payable to the Ohio Lions Foundation in the amount of
\$ _____, representing a DESIGNATED GIFT as follows:

MEMORIAL GIFT IN MEMORY OF: _____

(Note: effective 05/01/92, all memorial gifts to the Foundation are automatically designated for the Foundation's endowment fund, the interest from which is used to fund Helen Keller Scholarships)

Send an acknowledgment to: _____

- OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION - HELEN KELLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- DISASTER RELIEF FUND**
- JAMES T. AND BETTY COFFEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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APPLICATION FOR LOW VISION READER MATCHING GRANT

A. Name of Lions Club(s) making application: _____

B. Name and address of contact person: _____

C. Phone number of contact person: _____

D. Email address for contact person if available: _____

E. Name, address and contact person of local library or public senior center in which the unit
will be placed: _____

I hereby certify that the above named Lions Club(s) is requesting matching grant funding from the Ohio Lions Foundation for a low vision reader unit. I understand that upon OLF approval of the matching grant the Lions Club(s) will be responsible for ordering the unit and paying half of the cost.

F. Signature of Lions Club contact person: _____

G Date _____

H. Attach a copy of the required letter from the local library or senior center.

Send this application and the library's letter to: *Ohio Lions Foundation, P.O. Box 21016, Columbus, Ohio 43221-0016*