

Smiles

AHEAD

Orthodontic Program

Requirements for potential patients:

- Age 10-16 and all permanent teeth erupted.
- Severe misalignment to teeth.
- Family income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Good oral hygiene.
- Not currently wearing braces.
- Not accepting cases that might require jaw surgery.
- Transportation to your assigned orthodontist is the family's responsibility.
- IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE IF YOU MEET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE APPLYING.

Financial Qualifications:

- a) Proof of income: Bring income verification for the last 30 days, or a signed statement from the employer stating the gross monthly wage. If self-employed, then bring in a copy of the most current 1040 tax return. Also include any award letters such as supplemental security income benefits or AHCCCS.
- b) If the patient is NOT claimed as a dependent on your tax return, you must explain why. Whoever is claiming the child must follow instructions in the Proof of Income, Section a. (listed above).
- c) Non-parental guardians must also submit a copy of their authorization to make medical decisions.
- d) For children in state custody, copies of the child's state medical card and medical consent must be submitted.
- e) Proof of Address: Bring a copy of the lease/mortgage and copy of the utility bill.
- f) Proof of attending a local school. Bring in a copy of the report card or a signed letter from the school showing attendance.
- g) Letter: Write a letter from the patient explaining why braces are necessary.

How the program works:

Step 1.

- Determine if you meet the above requirements for potential patients. If you think you meet the requirements call to make an appointment for a dental screening.
- The first screening is the dental screening which will determine if your child dentally qualifies for braces through this program. Call St. Elizabeth's Health Center (SEHC) Dental Clinic to make an appointment to see the orthodontist. (520) 628-7871. Our address is 140 W. Speedway Blvd., Suite 100, Tucson, AZ 85705. The dental screening is on March 29th, 2019. There is a \$10 fee for this screening payable at the time of the appointment.

Step 2.

- After the dental screening, potential patients meeting the dental requirements, will be given a financial application packet. This application must be accurate and completed in its entirety. Once you have completed the financial packet, call St. Elizabeth's (520) 628-7871, and make an appointment with Angela to complete this process. Please bring all necessary paperwork to this appointment. All appointments with Angela must be completed by April 23rd, 2019. The patient does not need to attend this appointment.

Step 3.

- Candidates accepted into the Smiles Ahead Program will be notified by phone or email. Accepted candidates should call Sheldin Santos, at SEHC, (520) 628-7871, ext. 2135, to make an appointment. **At this appointment, the patient will be assigned an Orthodontist and a \$100 administration fee will be collected.**
- We will make every effort to assign the patient to the nearest orthodontist, but please realize that they are located throughout the city. The patient will then call their assigned orthodontist in order to set-up their initial appointment. Please be advised that the patient could be placed on a wait list until an orthodontist becomes available.

Step 4.

- Believing that effort in Math and English is critical for success in life, our Smiles Ahead patients will be required to bring in a signed and dated Teacher Report to each of their visits. If the report indicates a good effort, there will be no charge for that appointment. If however, there has been a lack of effort or if the patient forgets to bring in the report, there will be a \$40 charge for that visit. *No Teacher Report is due over the summer.*
- St. Elizabeth's will initially give every patient 30 teacher's report to be used throughout their treatment.

Step 5

- Your orthodontist are generously donating their expertise, time and equipment cost. For repeatedly broken or missed appointments, there could be additional charges or being dropped from the program.

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