



**WLSFA.org**  
— Saving Lives One Grant at a Time —

The Weight Loss Surgery Foundation of America – WLSFA is a 501©3 Public Charity founded in 2010. The WLSFA is the only charity funding grants for bariatric and reconstructive surgery after bariatric surgery in the world. Powered by thousands of weight loss surgery patient, medical professionals and industry partners together we gather resources and money to give away in the form of grants.

#### **Mission Statement**

*Ending Obesity by empowering people to move from surviving to thriving through weight loss surgery, education and support. Performing charitable services and supporting research to find solutions to enhance the quality of life of the morbidly obese community. Raising awareness and funds for surgery.*

#### **About the WLSFA Grant Referral Program:**

Surgeons identify and refer under-insured patients in financial need to apply for grants.

#### **Who is qualified to refer patients?**

US Center of Excellence Bariatric Surgeons or US Plastic Surgeons that are Board Certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgeons ABPS and members of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons ASPS may refer patients. If the patient applies and is selected for the full grant the referring surgeon must offer to contribute the surgery and a year of follow up care (contribution in kind) OR The hospital must offer to wave fees equal or more to the surgeons fees.

**The WLSFA then funds the following:** Hospital Fees, Lab Tests, Anesthesiologist fee and BLIS Complication insurance Policy (if the Hospital does not have their own self pay complication program available) The Patient is also provided a year's worth of bariatric vitamins and supplements if it is a bariatric surgery.

#### **Who can refer patients for partial grants?**

Surgeons who have contributed at least one surgery in the past three years can refer patient for partial grants. Partial Grants are from \$100 to \$4000 Dollars and are funded on a case by case basis based on available funds and in order received. Partial Grants fund obstacles that can stop a patients journey to the operating room for an otherwise fully funded surgery.

**Partial Grant Items the WLSFA funds:** Co-Pays, Deductibles, COBRA fees for the suddenly unemployed, other fees not covered for an otherwise insured patient.

### **The WLSFA is a 100% Volunteer Organization**

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