



The Weight Loss Surgery Foundation of America – WLSFA is a 501©3 Public Charity. The WLSFA is then only charity funding grants for weight loss and reconstructive plastic surgery after weight loss. Powered by thousands of weight loss surgery patient, medical professionals and industry partners the WLSFA is saving lives one grant at a time.

Our 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 patients in need to the WLSFA Grant Program!
The WLSFA funds Full and Partial Grants

Who can refer patients for a Full Grant?

Any US Center of Excellence Bariatric Surgeon or US Plastic Surgeon that are Board Certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgeons ABPS and members of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons ASPS may refer one patient for a full grant every three years. 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)

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 every 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.

Items the WLSFA funds: Co-Pays, Deductibles, COBRA fees for the suddenly unemployed, other fees not covered for an otherwise insured patient. The partial grants benefit patients and your practice.

Where do the funds come from?

Annual Fundraiser: The WLSFA host each May in Las Vegas **"The Mother of All Meet & Greets"** it is the largest gathering of weight loss surgery patient in the world! Always a SOLD OUT event, it raises tens of thousands of dollars for our grant fund. The number of attendees, exhibitors, sponsors and funds has doubled each year! This event is a world class program with nationally known speakers, educational sessions and entertainment for all who attend.

Donation Programs: The WLSFA runs a number of donation programs such as Charity Charms, Logo Wear, Races and Walks. W loss surgery patients run individual fundraisers all year long. Donations from patients, doctors, hospitals and industry partners and well as generous sponsorships from industry partners fund our grants.

WLSFA Chapter Program: Local area chapters are forming across the United States. Local chapters each have their own annual fundraisers and collect membership fees. Together it allows Bariatric Practices and Patients the ability to fund grants for people in their neighborhoods and towns! Chapters are hosted by Bariatric Centers of Excellence and Patients in a combined effort to give back to their communities!

Please join us and help *"Tip the scales in the right direction"*

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