



Bridge to Hope: Detailed Eligibility Requirements

Bridge to Hope is a client assistance program from Hope Counseling Center. It ensures uninsured community members who cannot afford our lowest sliding scale fee (\$30 or \$50) have access to quality counseling services. The program is funded by the Roy W. Slusher Foundation and community donors.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for Bridge to Hope, applicants must meet **all** of the following requirements:

- **Uninsured:**
The applicant is not covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or any commercial health insurance.
- **Income Eligible:**
Household income qualifies for fees below our sliding scale minimum rates of \$30 or \$50, as verified by the Hope Counseling Center team.
- **Documentation Required:**
Applicant must provide current paystubs for all working members of their household (within the past 30 days).
- **Residency:**
Applicant must live or work in the local community served by Hope Counseling Center.
- **Session Limit:**
Assistance covers up to **5 sessions per client per year**. Requests for more than 5



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sessions will be reviewed by the committee on a case-by-case basis.

- **Risk of Forfeiture:**

No-shows or cancellations within 24 hours **may** forfeit the remaining sessions paid for by the Bridge to Hope program, at the discretion of Hope Counseling Center staff.

Other Notes

- Eligibility is determined bi-weekly by a review committee after a completed application and all required documentation are received.
- Applicants are notified of approval or denial within 1–2 business days after review.
- Approved applicants will be informed about the session limits and the process for scheduling counseling appointments.

Questions?

Contact Hope Counseling Center at (417) 336-9355 or visit hopecounselingmo.org

