THE HAPPY teeth PROJECT

A Smile Shouldn't Depend on a Family's Income

Free braces. Real confidence. Brighter futures.

The Happy Teeth Project is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization, dedicated to **providing funding and resources to Michigan children lacking access to orthodontic care.**



Our qualification process looks at many key factors of a child's situation, to determine need and to ensure support reaches families who need it most.

We have partnered with the **Lake Orion Community School** District to provide an opportunity to children in the district with **free orthodontic care** at DeHaan Orthodontics.

The following schools in the district are eligible:

- **Waldon Middle School**
- **Scripps Middle School**
- **Oakview Middle School**
- **Learning Options High School**
- **Lake Orion High School**

If you have a child - or know of a child that is in need of orthodontic care- **please consider applying to The Happy Teeth Project this school year**

Applications **can be found online on our website** or you may **contact your counselor for an application**.

Please review the eligibility requirements before filling out the application. The **applications period is open until February 27th, 2026**

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Applications must be submitted to your child's counselor by February 27th, 2026

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for our program, applicants must meet the following:

- The Applicant must be enrolled in **6th through 12th grade.**
- The Applicant must **not** have previously received treatment through this program.
- The family must meet our **income-based eligibility guidelines.**
- Applicants must be enrolled in a school supported by the Happy Teeth Project. The list of participating schools in the Lake Orion Community School district are on page 1.

How to Apply

- **Personal Essay** (300–500 words which tells us your story and explains your needs as well as share how treatment would improve the confidence and overall well-being of your child.
- You will need a **letter of recommendation** from a teacher, pastor, coach, or another community leader.
- An **academic & character reference** highlighting your child's GPA, academic achievements (such as honor roll), character, and community involvement (this may include participation in sports, school clubs, church, or volunteer service).

*For applicants under final consideration: Please note that a financial statement and photo consent form will be required for the award.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 27TH, 2026 TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR