

The Emergency Broadband Benefit

About the Emergency Broadband Benefit

The upcoming Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute \$10-\$50 toward the purchase price.

Who Is Eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program?

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets one of the criteria below:

1. Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, or did so in the 2019-2020 school year;
2. Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
3. Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020, and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or
4. Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating providers' existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

A social security number is not required to sign up for the benefit.



Lifeline Customers

Current lifeline customers are eligible for the EBB. Households with current internet service who have bad credit and/or unpaid bills are also eligible.

How do I Sign Up for the Benefit?

The program is being set up now and should be available sometime in April. Customers will sign up either directly through an Internet Service Provider or through the Universal Service Administrative Company, the federal agency that administers the Lifeline Program.

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