

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a \$3.2 billion federal initiative to help lower the cost of high-speed internet for eligible households during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It was created by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

What Is the Benefit?

- Up to \$50 a month toward your internet bill, rising to \$75 for residents of tribal lands
- One-time \$100 discount on a device purchased through a participating provider

Who Qualifies?

Households with an income at or below 135% of federal poverty levels are eligible for the benefit. A household is also eligible if one member:

- Participates in Lifeline or another federal benefit program (Medicaid, SNAP, Supplemental Security Income, public housing aid, and veteran and survivor pensions)
- 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
- 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
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's low-income or COVID-19 program

Find the complete eligibility requirements at:
www.getemergencybroadband.org

When Can Eligible Households Sign Up?

Eligible households can enroll for the benefit starting on May 12, 2021.

How Will Eligible Households Sign Up?

Eligible households will enroll through their participating broadband provider or directly through the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Check the FCC's website www.getemergencybroadband.org for more information on the enrollment process.

What Broadband Providers Will Offer the Emergency Broadband Benefit?

The FCC is enrolling many types of broadband providers to provide this service.

- Find a list of participating providers by state: www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers
- A search tool to find providers near you will be available soon at: www.getemergencybroadband.org/companies-near-me/

Outreach

The FCC is excited to partner with those who want to help get the word out about this critical program. Please visit www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit to sign up to receive important updates and information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit program.