# Lifeline and the Affordable Connectivity Program

Federal programs to support the cost of internet and phone service

### What is Lifeline?

 Lifeline is a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone or internet service

 Eligible consumers can get \$9.25/month off the cost of phone, internet or bundled services

 Only one discount is allowed per household





#### How do you qualify?

#### Based on your income

• 135% or less than the Federal Poverty Guideline

#### Based on federal assistance programs

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit



Apply **ONLINE** using the National Verifier at nv.fcc.gov/lifeline



National Verifier	<b>English</b>   Español	Consumer Sign In
d the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which help low-income households pay for internet service and internet connected devices. Visit Affordable Connectivity, gov to	learn more about ACP and vi	sit LifelineSupport.org to

#### Your Information

We will use this information to find out if you qualify for the Lifeline Program or the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

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First Name	Middle Name (Optional)
Last Name	



#### OR by MAIL

- Send the application by mail to USAC
  - Lifeline Support Center P.O. Box 7081
  - **London, KY 40742**
- USAC (Universal Service Administration Company) will contact you by mail in 7-10 days to let you know their eligibility decision



OR by **Phone** 

Lifeline Support Center 800-234-9473.

## What is the Affordable Connectivity Program?

- An FCC program focused on providing reliable internet service to all Americans
- Eligible households can receive \$30/month off internet services. (\$75/month for households on qualifying tribal lands)
  - Wireless plans with data would qualify, if this is how a home has internet access
- Only one discount is allowed per household





#### **Wisconsin Public Service Commission**

#### Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

< Assistance Programs



#### Overview of the ACP

The Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a benefit program that helps ensure households can afford the internet connections they need for work, school, health care and more.







#### How do you qualify?

Households qualify by showing at least 1 member (minor or adult) meets one of the following:

For the full list of requirements visit <a href="fcc.gov/acp">fcc.gov/acp</a>

Qualifies for Lifeline

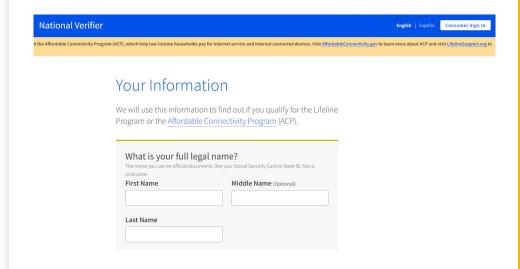
Participates in assistance programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or others INCLUDING the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program

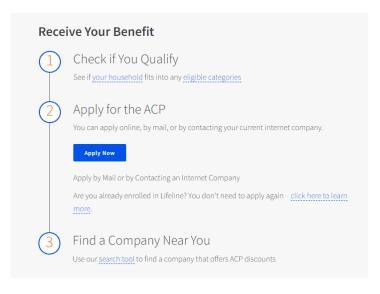
Participates in Tribal programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or others

Apply online using the National Verifier at affordableconnectivity.gov

Links can be found at cellcom.com/affordable









# Affordable Home Internet. Made Easy.

**Get Started** 



We are here to help! Sales Reps can assist with an application in store or you can apply by Mail

Send application by mail to

APC Support Center PO Box 7081 London, KY 40742

 USAC (Universal Service Administration Company) will contact you by mail in 7-10 days to let you know their eligibility decision



OR by **Phone** 

ACP: 833-511-0311

## Approved! What's next?

- Must provide proof of eligibility (either the official letter or email received from USAC)
- You have 90 days to sign up for service
- Provider confirms eligibility with the database



#### **Annual Recertification Required**



Annual requirement for ACP and Lifeline subscribers



through an automated process and monitor at various intervals throughout the year



Subscribers that pass that automated check do not need to take any further action

Subscribers who cannot be verified will have 60 days to recertify to continue to receive their benefit



### Automatic unenrollment could occur

Should your situation change you may be removed from the program and returned to regular plan rates



## Additional resources

#### Cellcom.com/ACP

Cellcom.com/Lifeline

GetACP.org

LifelineSupport.org

