

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

When Is It Available?

- Benefits become available on May 12, 2021 and last until the funds are exhausted.
www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

Who Qualifies?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Qualifies for the Lifeline program, including those who are on Medicaid or receive SNAP benefits;
- 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; or Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

When Can Eligible Households Sign Up?

The Emergency Broadband Benefit program is open to eligible households to apply beginning May 12, 2021. Please check the FCC's website, www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, for the latest information.

How Will Eligible Households Sign Up?

Eligible households will enroll through participating broadband providers or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Please check the FCC's website, www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, information on the enrollment process.

What Broadband Providers Will Be Offering the Emergency Broadband Benefit?

Many types of broadband providers can qualify to provide service in this program.

- Contact information for the providers participating in the program will be posted on USAC's website: www.usac.org

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.

For more information visit

www.ncbroadband.gov/assistance/emergency-broadband-benefit-program