

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit) to sign up to receive important updates and information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit program.