Emergency Broadband Benefit

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The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. Eligible households can receive:

- Up to $50/month discount for broadband service and associated equipment rentals;
- Up to $75/month discount for households on Tribal lands, and;
- A one-time discount of up to $100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.
Who Qualifies for the Benefit?

A Household Is Eligible If Any Member

- Received a Pell Grant in the current award year;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced school lunch program or school breakfast program in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income, due to a job loss or furlough since 2/29/20 and the household had a total income in 2020 below $99,000 (single filers) or $198,000 (joint filers); or
- Meets the eligibility of a participating providers’ existing low-income or COVID-19 program.
## Who Qualifies for the Benefit?

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What Is a Household?

A household is a group of people who live together and share money (even if they are not related to each other.) If you live together and share money, you are one household. If you either don’t live together or you don’t share money, you are two or more households.

• A household can qualify because of eligible dependent children that meet the eligibility criteria.

• You may have to answer questions about your household when you apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.

• A household worksheet will be available to assist in determining household eligibility.
Eligible households within multi-unit dwellings such as apartment buildings, nursing homes, and group homes can also take advantage of the benefit.

- Households within multi-unit dwellings, where the landlord or the property manager is the internet account holder, may be able to apply the benefit to that broadband service if they otherwise qualify.

- If the household has a bill or other liability for their broadband access that someone else, such as the property owner, is helping to pay, the household could switch temporarily to using EBB support to pay for broadband service instead of relying on that third party’s support.
The Emergency Broadband Benefit will open its enrollment on May 12, 2021.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary program developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will end once the program funds are exhausted, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the pandemic, whichever comes first.

The program is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). They also administer the Lifeline program. USAC hosts the application portal and the GetEmergencyBroadband.org consumer website.
Participating providers must give households notice about the last date or billing cycle that the full benefit will apply to their bill and the date or billing cycle that a partial benefit will apply to their bill, in addition to information about the cost of broadband service after the program ends.

Households will need to opt-in or request to continue broadband services with their provider. If they don’t opt-in or select a new service plan with the provider, their broadband service will end once the program ends. Even if they had service with the same provider before enrolling in the Emergency Broadband Benefit, they will need to opt-in to continue broadband services after the program ends.
The program is open to all broadband providers, not just those currently offering Lifeline services.

- **Fixed** broadband services are provided to your home, or a single location. These include cable, fiber optic, DSL, satellite, and fixed wireless services.
- **Mobile** broadband services are device-based and available throughout the service provider’s cellular coverage area, similar to cell phone services.

Check with the broadband providers in your area to learn about their plans for program participation and eligible service offerings. You can find a list of participating providers by state and territory linked on www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit.

Not all providers plan to offer connected devices through the program.
There are three ways to apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit

**Option 1:** Contact a participating broadband provider directly to learn about their application process.

**Option 2:** Go to GetEmergencyBroadband.org to apply online and to find participating providers near you.

**Option 3:** Send a mail-in application, along with proof of eligibility to: Emergency Broadband Support Center P.O. Box 7081 London, KY 40742
Enroll Via a Provider

• Contact a service provider. Find a list of participating service providers by state at: www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit.

• The service provider assists the consumer (in-person) with applying through the National Verifier Service provider portal; or

• The service provider helps the consumer apply using their FCC approved alternate verification process.
EBB Program: Application Process
Apply Online: GetEmergencyBroadband.org

Stay Connected
The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program - Helping people stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic

What is the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program?
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- Up to a $50/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals
Apply Online

Your Information

We will use this information to find out if you qualify for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program or the Lifeline Program.

What is your full legal name?
The name you use on official documents, like your Social Security Card or State ID. Not a nickname.

First Name
Middle Name (Optional)
Last Name
Suffix (Optional)

What is your date of birth?

Month Day Year
MM DD YYYY

- First and last name may only consist of letters, hyphens, spaces, and single quotes.
- The first name should be the consumer’s legal name, not a nickname.
- The last name must be at least 2 characters.

Date of birth must be in the MM/DD/YYYY format.
Apply Online

What is your home address?
The address where you will get service. Do not use a P.O. Box.

**Street Number and Name**
- 123 Street Road

**City**
- Your City or Town

**Suite, Apt., etc. (Optional)**

**State**
- Choose

**ZIP Code**
- 00000
Apply Online

Do you qualify for Lifeline or the Emergency Broadband Benefit through your child or a dependent?

If you do not qualify on your own, you can sign up for the Lifeline or the Emergency Broadband Benefit through your child or dependent if they participate in any of the qualifying programs.

- [ ] No, I qualify by myself
- [ ] Yes, I qualify through my child or dependent.
Apply Online

Identity Verification

Please select your form of identification from one of the following.

- **Social Security Number**
  
  If you would like to verify your identity using your Social Security Number, please enter the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN).

  **Last 4 digits of your SSN**

  
  *Social Security Numbers are not required to participate in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, but using a Social Security number will process your application the fastest. A Social Security Number is required if you are applying for Lifeline.*

- **Tribal ID Number**
  
  If you have and would like to use a Tribal Identification Number to verify your identity, please enter it below.

  **Tribal Identification Number**

- **Driver's License, Military ID, Passport, Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), or other Government ID**
  
  Please select the type of identification you would like to use to verify your identity.

  - Driver's License
  - Military ID
  - Passport
  - Taxpayer Identification Number
  - Other Government ID

  Please attach a scanned copy or picture of your form of identification.

  ![Upload Button]

  *This option is only available for those applying to the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.*
Apply Online
Apply Online

My Applications
Here are all your applications from the last 180 days. You can start a new application when your last one expires.

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<td>Battle 3821325</td>
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Emergency Broadband Benefit Program
The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to $10 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to $75 per month for those on Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute $10-150 toward the purchase price. To see if you qualify, click "Get Started". 
Tell Us Which Program You Are In

To qualify for Lifeline or the Emergency Broadband Benefit, we need to know which government assistance program you are in.

Are you in any of these?
Check all that apply.

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs
- Federal Pell Grant
- Free and Reduced Price School Lunch or Breakfast Program
- Experienced a significant loss of income since February 28, 2020
- Tribal Specific Program (only choose if you live on tribal lands)
- I don't participate in one of these programs, I want to qualify through my income.
- I am not in any of these, but my child or dependent is in one of these programs.

You may be asked to submit documents about the program(s) you select.
Review Your Information

Before we check if you qualify for Lifeline or the Emergency Broadband Benefit, make sure your information is right.

Double check the information below.

Full Name: boba fett
Date of Birth: January 1, 2000
Last 4 Numbers of SSN: 9876
Address: 5555 Foxwood Estates Drive
Arnold, MO 63010

The information you gave us will be used to check if you qualify for Lifeline or the Emergency Broadband Benefit. Please confirm that it is okay.

By checking this box you are consenting that all of the information you are providing may be collected, used, shared, and retained for the purposes of applying for and/or receiving the Lifeline program benefit or the Emergency Broadband Benefit.
You Qualify for the Emergency Broadband Benefit

Your application has been approved. If you haven't already done so, the next step is to sign up with a participating internet company by 6/19/2021 (based on US Eastern Time).

If you do NOT sign up by 6/19/2021, you will have to reapply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

NOTE: The EBB Program is a limited benefit that will expire when the available appropriated funds are exhausted or six months after the Secretary of Health and Human Services declare an end of the COVID-19 health emergency.

How to sign up

1. Contact an internet company and ask to sign up for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.
2. Tell them you have been approved by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).
3. Use the same information you used on your Emergency Broadband Benefit application (full legal name, date of birth, social security number, and address).

After you sign up with an internet company, you will receive your Emergency Broadband Benefit.

If you have questions about your broadband device, service, or bill, contact your internet company. If you have questions about the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, call us at 1 (833) 511-0311 or send us an email at EBBHelp@usac.org.
Apply Online

Correct Errors through the National Verifier
- Use the portal to correct address and duplicate errors
- Upload Identity Documents
- Upload Eligibility Documents
Apply Online

Confirm Your Location

Show us that your address is right.

This is the information you gave us.

Address: 904 TERRY
CITY, NW 83022

If you see a typo in your address, fix it here.

You will have until 4/25/2023 to complete this section so we can determine whether you qualify for Lifeline or the Emergency Broadband Benefit. If you do not complete this by then, you will need to come back to this site and fill out this form out again.

We need to confirm where you live on the map below. Be as accurate as possible. Please double-click on the map or use the 'x' button on the top left to zoom in on the map. You can drop a pin once you have found your address on the map.

If you have not zoomed in far enough on the map, you will not be able to drop a pin on the map.

Latitude
Longitude

Note: If you live on Tribal lands, this information will be used to confirm you qualify for the enhanced Tribal benefit.
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Confirm Your Household

We need more information to determine whether you qualify for the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

Do you share money (income or expenses) with another adult who gets the Emergency Broadband Benefit?

This can be the cost of bills, food, etc., and income. If your spouse receives the Emergency Broadband Benefit, please answer "Yes" to this question.

- Yes
- No

Please select what best describes the building in which you reside

- Apartment building
- Single-family home
- Residential facility, such as a nursing home or an assisted living facility
- Transitional housing or shelter
- Other

Please describe:

If you live in a single family home where three or more economic households have applied for the Emergency Broadband Benefit, please identify the number of individuals who reside at the address and the number of people in your economic household (optional):

Number of people at address (Optional): 
Number of people in your economic household (optional): 

You will have until 5/1/2021 to complete this section so we can determine whether you qualify for the Emergency Broadband Benefit. If you do not complete this by then, you will need to come back to this site and fill this form out again.

Next
Apply Online

You Can Apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit

Your household does not get the Emergency Broadband Benefit yet. A household is a group of people who live together and share income and expenses (even if they are not related to each other.)

Please initial the agreements below (2 & 3 are required):

1. I live at an address with more than one household. If you live alone or you live with other adults who do not receive the Emergency Broadband Benefit, do not initial this box.

2. I understand I am only allowed to get one Emergency Broadband Benefit per household, not per person.

3. I understand that this limit is an FCC rule, and lying about my household on this government form can make me lose my Emergency Broadband Benefit and is against the law.
Apply Online

Qualify for the Emergency Broadband Benefit

To qualify for the Emergency Broadband Benefit, you need to give us more information.

You will have until 6/11/2021 to complete this section so that we can determine whether you qualify for Lifeline or the Emergency Broadband Benefit. If you do not complete this by then, you will need to come back to this site and fill this form out again.

Are you or someone in your household in any of these?

Choose one.
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs or Food Stamps)
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs
- Federal Pell Grant in the current award year
- Free and Reduced Price School Lunch or Breakfast Programs in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year
- Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020

Give us your documents.

Choose file

Save

Next
Agreement

You are almost done qualifying. Please initial next to each statement and sign this form to finish the process.

I agree, under penalty of perjury, to the following statements:

Initial
For my household, I affirm and understand that the EBB Program is a temporary federal government subsidy that reduces my broadband internet access service bill and at the conclusion of the program, my household will be subject to the provider’s undiscounted general rates, terms, and conditions if my household continues to subscribe the service.

Initial
I (or my dependent or other person in my household) currently get benefits from the government program(s) listed on this form or my annual household income is 135% or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines (the amount listed in the Federal Poverty Guidelines table on this form).

Initial
I agree that if I move I will give my service provider my new address within 30 days.

Initial
I understand that I have to tell my service provider within 30 days if I do not qualify for EBB Program anymore, including:
1. I, or the person in my household that qualifies, do not qualify through a government program or income anymore.
2. Either I or someone in my household gets more than one EBB Program benefit.

Initial
I know that my household can only get one EBB Program benefit and, to the best of my knowledge, my household is not getting more than one EBB Program benefit.

Initial
I agree that all of the information I provide on this form may be collected, used, shared, and retained for the purposes of applying for and/or receiving the EBB Program benefit. I understand that if this information is not provided to the Program Administrator, I will not be able to get EBB Program benefits. If the laws of my state or Tribal government require it, I agree that the state or Tribal government may share information about my benefits for a qualifying program with the EBB Program Administrator. The information shared by the state or Tribal government will be used only to help find out if I can get a EBB Program benefit.

Initial
All the answers and agreements that I provided on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Initial
I know that willingly giving false or fraudulent information to get EBB Program benefits is punishable by law and can result in fines, jail time, de-enrollment, or being banned from the program.

Initial
I was truthful about whether or not I am a resident of Tribal lands, as defined in this form.

Your Signature
Type your full legal name below
Nick Johnson
I understand this is a digital signature, and is the same as if I signed my name with a pen.

Submit
We Are Checking Your Documents

Thank you for submitting your information. Someone is looking at your documents to make sure you qualify.

This will take a few minutes.

If you need to leave and come back later, this page will be available until 4/30/2021 (based on US Eastern Time).

Our support Center hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. ET, Monday - Sunday. If you're using the system outside of those hours, please check back today or tomorrow morning after 9 a.m. ET to see if you qualify for Lifeline or the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

If you qualify...
You will have 90 days to find a company and sign up for service.

If you do not qualify...
We'll ask you for more information or tell you what to do next. You will have until 4/30/2021 (based on US Eastern Time) to send us the information or complete the next steps.

Full Legal Name: APPLE BUTTERS
Address: 904 CREEKSIDE, CITY, ZIP 00000
Application ID: G28155-53972

Need help with your Lifeline application? Contact us at 1-800-234-987 or LifelineSupport@ussac.org

Need help with your Emergency Broadband Benefit application? Contact us at 1-800-234-987 or EBBSupport@ussac.org
You Qualify for the Emergency Broadband Benefit

Your application has been approved. If you haven’t already done so, the next step is to sign up with a participating internet company by 6/19/2021 (based on US Eastern Time).

If you do NOT sign up by 6/19/2021, you will have to reapply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

1. Contact an internet company and ask to sign up for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.

2. Tell them you have been approved by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

3. Use the same information you used on your Emergency Broadband Benefit application (full legal name, date of birth, social security number, and address).

After you sign up with an internet company, you will receive your Emergency Broadband Benefit.

If you have questions about your broadband device, service, or bill, contact your internet company. If you have questions about the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, call us at 1 (833) 511-0311 or send us an email at EBBHelp@usac.org.
• Consumers must complete all sections of the application (excluding page 8)
• Write clearly, using black ink and capital letters
• Consumers enter the same information they would include on the online application
• Encourage consumers to submit copies of identity and eligibility documents along with a completed household worksheet
Introducing the Emergency Broadband Benefit Outreach Toolkit

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The outreach toolkit is a collection of social media, printables, and other tools to assist communities, partners, grassroots organizers, and navigators in raising awareness around the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

These tools are for public access, downloadable, and free to use. They can also be co-branded and/or adjusted to your voice.
## FCC Outreach Toolkit

### Social
- Logos
- Social Media Images
- Draft Social Media Posts
- Newsletter Insert
- Draft Press Release

### Printables
- Fact Sheet
- Flyer
- 9”x 5” Info Card
- 1/4 Page Handout
- Poster/Infographic

### Videos and PSAs
- ASL Video
- Overview Video
- How to Apply Video
- Audio PSAs
- PowerPoint Slide Deck
Social Media Support

Logos

Social Media Images

Draft social Media Posts

Newsletter Inserts

Draft Press Release
WHAT IS IT?
The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:
- Up to $50/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to $75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to $100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
A household is eligible if one member of the household:
- Has an income that is at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020, or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider’s existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY
1. Contact your preferred participating provider directly to learn about their application process.
2. Go to getEmergencyBroadband.org to submit an application and find participating providers near you.
3. Complete a mail-in application and send it along with proof of eligibility to:
   Emergency Broadband Support Center
   P.O. Box 7601
   London, KY 40742

LEARN MORE
Call 833-511-0311, or visit fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

HOW DO I APPLY?
There are three ways to apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

1. Contact your preferred participating provider directly
2. Online
3. By Mail

For additional information, Call 833-511-0311, or visit fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

Fact Sheet
Flyers
Poster
9" x 5" Info Card
1/4 Page Handout
Infographic
Videos and PSAs

ASL Video

Overview Video

How to Apply Video

Radio PSAs

Powerpoint Slide Deck
## Translated Languages
- Arabic
- Amharic
- Burmese
- Chinese (Traditional)
- French
- Haitian Creole
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Somali
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Vietnamese

## Translated Material
- Fact Sheet
- 9" x 5" Info Cards
- 1/4 Page Handout

## Alternate Formats
To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to: FCC504@fcc.gov.
Questions?

The FCC’s EBB Consumer Page:
https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

The FCC’s list, by state, of EBB providers
https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers

A comprehensive FAQ on the EBB program
https://www.fcc.gov/consumer-faq-emergency-broadband-benefit

Toll free number for questions: 833-511-0311
To apply: GetEmergencyBroadband.org