

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