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THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS

For Low Income Households



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Discounted telephone service is available for eligible low income households.

Lifeline assistance reduces the cost of local telephone service by up to \$10 each month. Additional state discounts may be available. The Lifeline discount can be applied to either home telephone service or wireless service, but the discount is available for only one line per household.

Link Up support provides a 50% discount (up to \$30) off the installation or activation fee for new service or transferring service to a new address.

Toll Limitation Service (TLS) allows consumers to avoid large long distance bills by choosing either toll blocking or toll control. The service deposit is waived for Lifeline consumers who elect TLS.

Enhanced Lifeline & Link Up for Tribal Customers provides eligible residents of federally recognized tribal lands up to an additional \$25 in Lifeline discounts and up to an additional \$70 in Link Up discounts.

Am I Eligible?

The eligibility criteria for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS vary by state. Call your phone company directly to determine whether you are eligible. You may be eligible if you currently receive assistance from one of these programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Food Stamps
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Medicaid
- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's free lunch program
- Supplemental Security Income
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

You may also be eligible if your total household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Consumers who live on federally recognized tribal lands are eligible if they have a household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or receive benefits from one of the programs listed above or through the Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribally Administered TANF or Head Start (income qualifying).



HOW DO I APPLY

In most states, you must call your local phone company directly to apply for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS. Not all phone companies offer these programs. Certain restrictions may apply. You may be required to show proof of eligibility. Contact information for many companies can be found at www.LifelineSupport.org.

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