



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) just launched an Emergency Broadband Benefit Program to help students struggling to pay for internet during the pandemic. The program will allow eligible households to receive substantially discounted broadband service.

Your household qualifies if it has an income at or below 135% of the [federal poverty guidelines](#) **OR** any member of the household:

- Participates in SNAP, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020 due to job loss or furlough AND had a total household income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers (NOTE: when you apply, you will need to show proof of job loss or furlough, such as a termination letter or furlough notice, as well as proof of your total income, such as a tax return);
- Received a federal Pell Grant in the current award year; or
- Received approval for benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year.

The benefit will provide a temporary \$50 monthly subsidy on select mobile and home internet plans and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider. View the list of [Emergency Broadband Benefit Providers](#).

The discount will remain active until the fund runs out of money, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner.

### [Sign Up for the Broadband Program](#)

For more information, contact the Emergency Broadband Support Center at 833-511-0311 from 9am-9pm Eastern Time 7 days per week or [EBBHelp@usac.org](mailto:EBBHelp@usac.org) or visit [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.fcc.gov/urgency/emergency-broadband).