



Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is an FCC program to help households struggling to pay for internet service during the pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, and virtual classrooms.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of *up to* \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and *up to* \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands. There is a connected device portion to the EBB Program that NDTC is not participating in.

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Qualifies for the Lifeline program;
- 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
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award 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

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount per eligible household. Current households who receive Lifeline will need to Opt-in to the EBB Program.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is temporary. It will expire when funds are exhausted or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) declares the end of the COVID-19 health emergency. At the end of the program, consumers will need to opt-in to continuing their service without the EBB program benefit or services will be disconnected.

The FCC expects the EBB Program to be open to eligible households before the end of April 2021. Consumers looking for information on the Emergency Broadband Benefit should visit GetEmergencyBroadband.org or fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit.