

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2019**

Company: Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

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Study Area Code: 391640, 391659, 391667, 391677, 391684, 391686

Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

X Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)

X Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/ Tribal Link Up within 1st 30 days of service.* (See attached letter.)

X Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.

X Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. (www.goldenwest.com.com)

X Company's information posted on USAC website.

X Other (describe): Recertification Outreach, CATV Slide, Bill Message

*Required

General Lifeline/Tribal Link-up Advertisements



Public Notice

As a part of its service commitment to its subscribers, Golden West provides voice grade access to the public switched network, interexchange carriers, telecommunications relay service and 911 emergency services. Golden West also provides access to operator services and directory assistance. Each local exchange access line includes a primary directory listing at no charge and a phone directory. Furthermore, customers can report service trouble to the Company 24 x 7.

Golden West understands the importance of consumers having access to quality local telephone service. To help consumers obtain and keep their local service, Golden West offers reduced rates to eligible consumers under the Lifeline and Tribal Lifeline programs. Another program, Tribal Link-Up, offers a reduction in residential phone start-up fees. Qualifying individuals subscribing to residential service who are eligible for these government programs will receive discounts off basic local charges and are eligible for toll blocking at no charge. Additional information may be obtained by dialing 1155 from a Golden West phone or calling toll free and speaking to a Golden West customer service representative.

Golden West is a telecommunications carrier committed to providing high-quality basic and enhanced services at reasonable rates to all subscribers throughout its service territory.

Basic services, including expanded area local calling, are offered at the following monthly rates:

- **Single-Line Residence** **\$18.00 - \$23.48** depending on exchange
- **Single-Line Business** **\$24.95 - \$33.80** depending on exchange
- **Emergency 911 Service Fee** **\$1.00 - \$3.00** depending on exchange

If you have questions regarding services or rates, **dial 777** from any Golden West phone, call toll free **1-855-888-7777**, or email us at **info@goldenwest.com**.

Run in newspapers across
Service area in July 2018.

Full Speed INTERNET Reduced PRICE

Lifeline (a federal program available from Golden West) provides **\$9.25 monthly off broadband Internet or phone Service** for qualifying customers.

If you participate in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, or meet income guidelines, you may qualify for Lifeline.

Contact us to learn more.

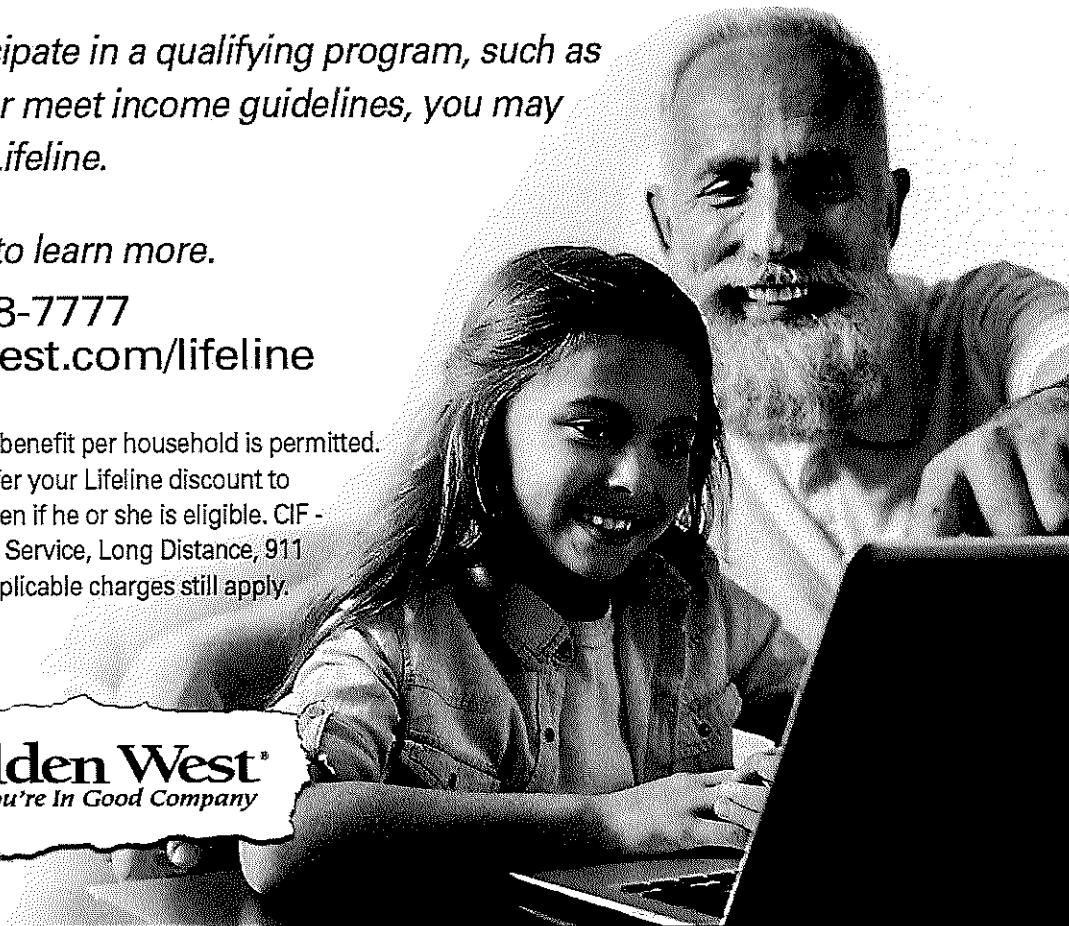
1-855-888-7777

goldenwest.com/lifeline

Only one Lifeline benefit per household is permitted. You cannot transfer your Lifeline discount to someone else, even if he or she is eligible. CIF - Hearing Impaired Service, Long Distance, 911 fees and other applicable charges still apply.

 **Golden West**
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Ad printed in
Newspapers in non-
Tribal areas in
March 2018.



Full Speed INTERNET Reduced PRICE

Tribal Lifeline (a federal program available from Golden West) provides up to **\$34.25 monthly off BROADBAND INTERNET or PHONE SERVICE.**

If you reside on Tribal lands and participate in a qualifying program, such as a Medicaid, or meet income guidelines, you may qualify for Lifeline.

Unlimited INTERNET
and a
FREE NEW TABLET*

To learn more or apply for Tribal Lifeline, call
1-855-888-7777 or visit **goldenwest.com/lifeline**

* Customers that apply and qualify for the tribal broadband lifeline discount are eligible for the tablet. If you choose to receive the free tablet, internet services must be maintained for 12 months or the value of the tablet will be billed back to you. Lifeline basic monthly phone services are still available, but only one Lifeline benefit per household is permitted. You can't transfer your Lifeline discount to someone else, even if he or she is eligible. CIF - Hearing Impaired Service, Long Distance, 911 fees and other applicable charges still apply. Lifeline subscribers may also block long distance calls on their phone line at no charge.

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Ad printed in
newspapers in
Tribal areas
in March 2018



Lakota Nation
Invitational program

We didn't build the communities... ad - December 2018

We just
brought
them together!

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Full Speed INTERNET

Reduced PRICE No Data Limits

goldenwest.com/lifeline

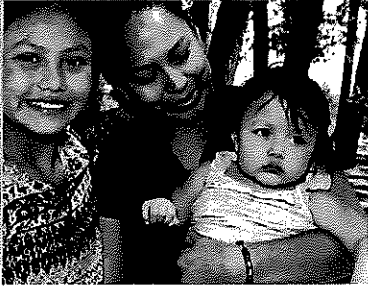
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\$34.25 monthly off broadband Internet or phone service.

**Mailings and Bill Stuffers that
Informed Existing and New
Customers of the Availability of
Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up**

Information included in new customer packets.

LIFELINE ASSISTANCE LOW COST INTERNET AND PHONE

Access to Internet service is vital in today's world. Lifeline provides important discounts to families who qualify.



Lifeline is a federal assistance program available from Golden West. Lifeline will provide **\$9.25 per month** discount towards Internet or phone service for qualifying customers.

Tribal Lifeline and Link-Up provides qualifying residents of tribal lands with up to **\$34.25 per month** discount towards Internet or phone service, as well as discounted connection charges.

Lifeline discounts apply to a bundle with Internet.

goldenwest.com/lifeline

WIRE MAINTENANCE

PHONE | HIGH-SPEED INTERNET | CABLE TV

Let us worry about how to fix wiring problems. With a Wire Maintenance Plan, we'll isolate the trouble and repair the defective wiring at no cost to you. Best of all, you won't be charged for the repair visit, even if the problem is traced back to your computer or other equipment.

Add a Wire Maintenance plan for **\$1.50 to \$4.50** a month, depending on the services you need to cover. goldenwest.com/wiremaintenance

Free Local Calling Area

Golden West knows that in rural South Dakota, the space between neighbors can be miles. That's why we offer Free Local Calling Areas. Customers living west of the Missouri River can call all other Golden West customers located on the same side of the river toll-free. The same goes for customers living east of the river. With Free Local Calling, staying in touch with your home phone is affordable and reliable. goldenwest.com/localcalling

For information on our **Home Phone Battery Backup** visit goldenwest.com/batterybackup.



Bill Stuffer sent to non-Tribal areas - April 2018



Full Speed
INTERNET
Reduced **PRICE**

Low-Cost Internet & Phone

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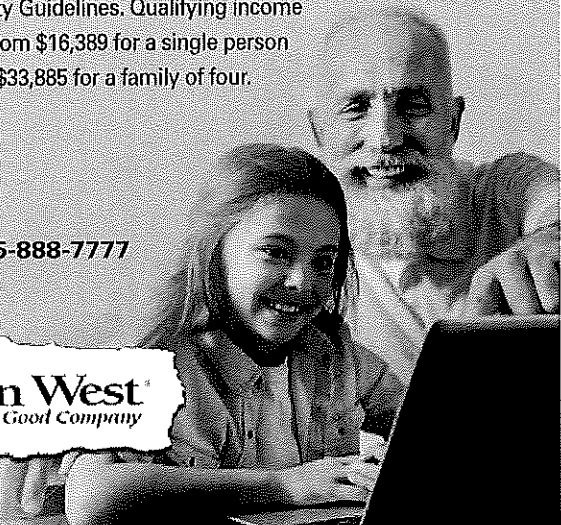
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs

You may also qualify for the monthly savings if your income level falls at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Qualifying income levels range from \$16,389 for a single person household to \$33,885 for a family of four.

To learn more or apply for Lifeline benefits, call 1-855-888-7777 or visit goldenwest.com/lifeline

Lifeline basic monthly phone services are still available, but only one Lifeline benefit per household is permitted. You cannot transfer your Lifeline discount to someone else, even if he or she is eligible. CIP - Hearing Impaired Service, Long Distance, 911 fees and other applicable charges still apply. Lifeline subscribers may also block long distance calls on their phone line at no charge.

Golden West is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Bill Stuffer sent to Tribal areas - April 2018



Full Speed
INTERNET
Reduced PRICE

Low-Cost Internet & Phone *for Tribal Customers*

Tribal Lifeline (a federal program available from Golden West) provides up to \$34.25 monthly off broadband Internet service for qualifying customers on tribal lands.

Unlimited INTERNET and a
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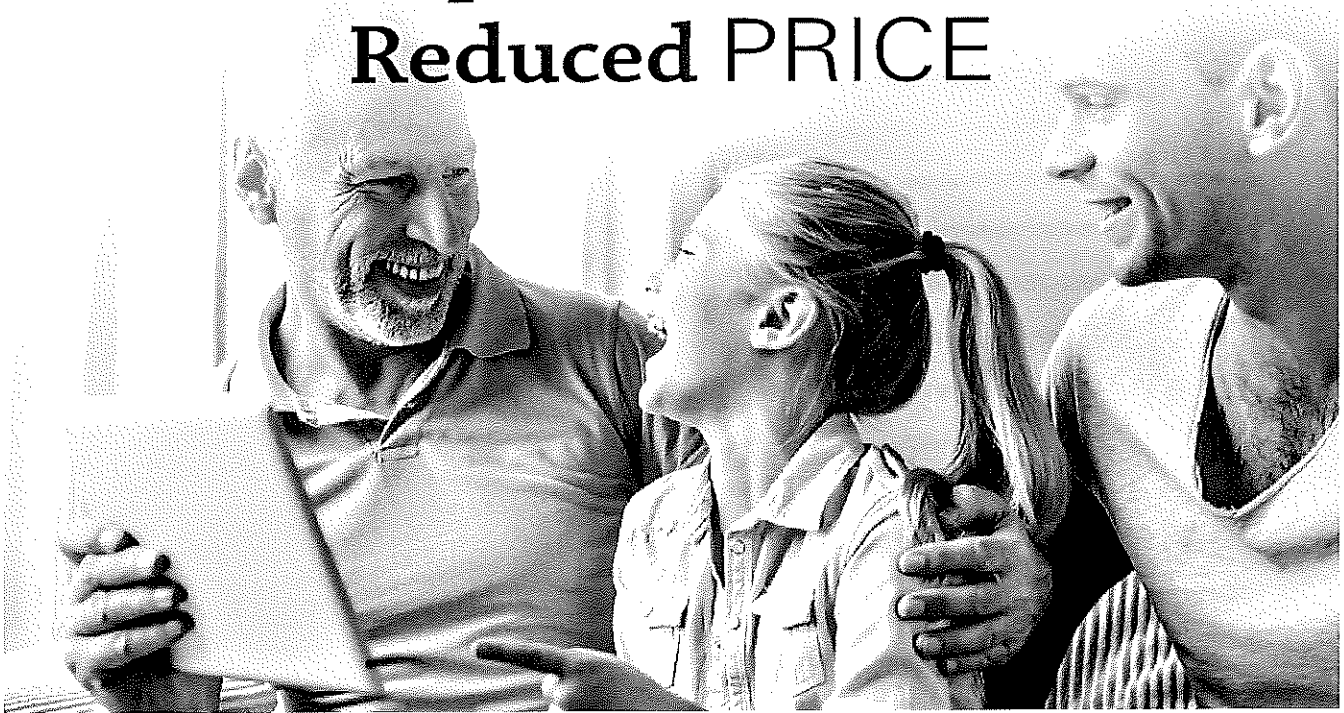
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Bill Stuffer sent to non-Tribal areas - November 2018

Full Speed INTERNET Reduced PRICE



Low-Cost INTERNET or PHONE

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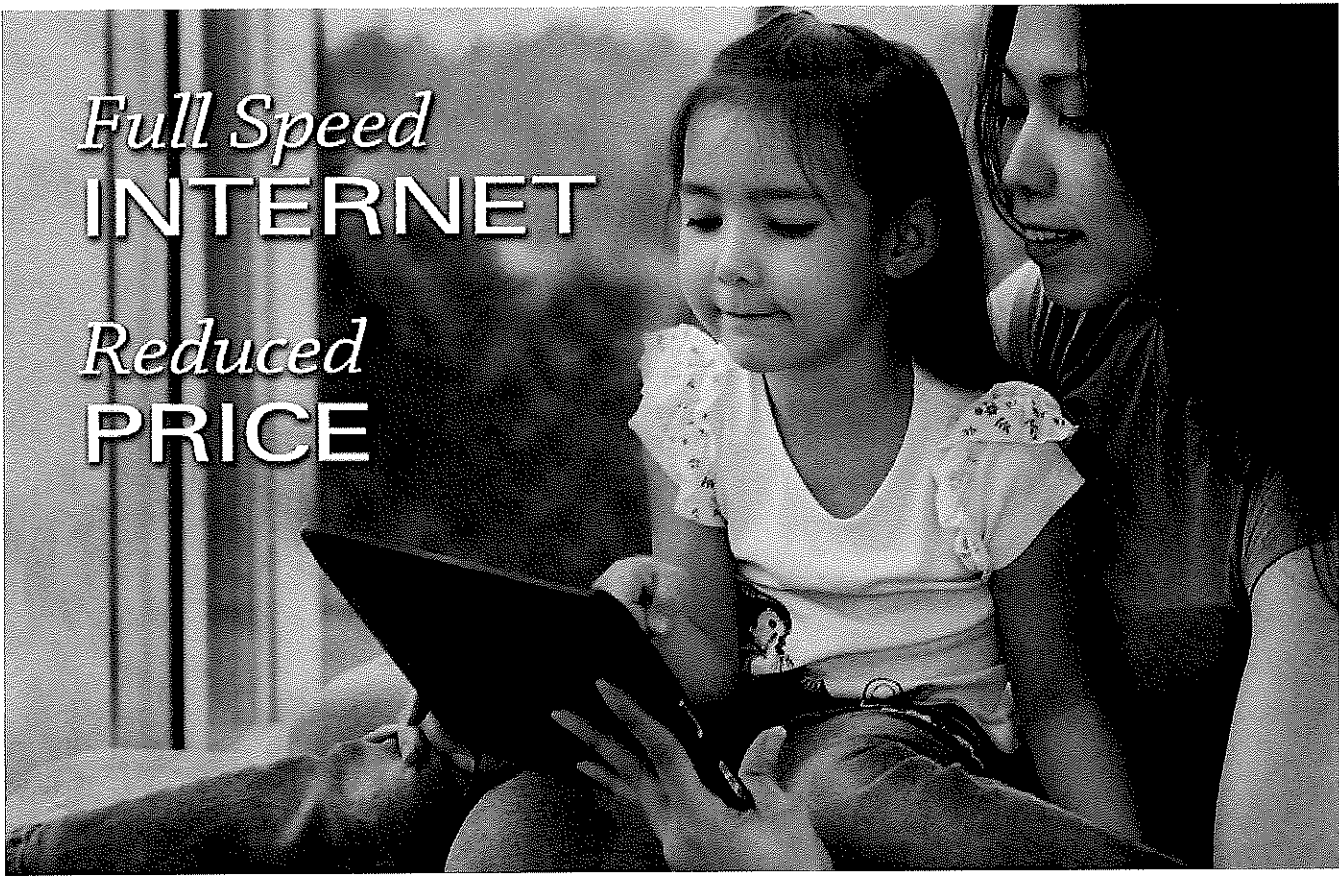
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Bill stuffer sent to Tribal areas - November 2018



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Low-Cost Internet or Phone *for Tribal Customers*

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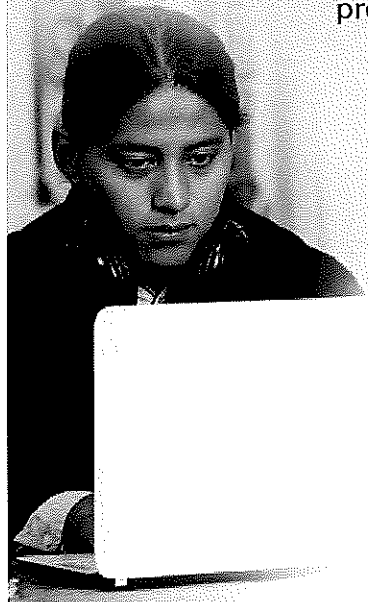
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**Outreach to Lifeline Customers
Providing Information on
Annual Lifeline Recertification
Process**

Lifeline recertification reminder - Tribal areas.
Sent prior to recertification

September 12, 2018

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>
<<Mailing Street Address>>
<<Mailing City>>, <<Mailing State>> <<Mailing ZIP>>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR TRIBAL BROADBAND LIFELINE DISCOUNT

Each year, Golden West contacts you to recertify your eligibility for Tribal Lifeline, a federal program that saves you money on Internet service. In the past, the recertification process has occurred in September or October. However, recent federal changes to the program now require customers to recertify prior to their service anniversary month.

This means that your recertification process will soon begin. Watch your mail for a letter and recertification form, which should be arriving in the next two weeks. You will then have 60 days to recertify, so please complete the form and return it to the Lifeline Administrator promptly to continue receiving your Tribal Broadband Lifeline benefit.

Tribal Broadband Lifeline members recertifying with Golden West will receive a FREE Kindle Fire tablet! To redeem this offer you must maintain Internet service for twelve months, discontinuation of service will result in value of the Kindle being billed back to you.

If you have any initial questions on the recertification process, please contact us at 1-855-888-7777 or dial 777 from your Golden West phone. Thank you for being a Golden West customer and for your attention to this important information!

Sincerely,

Golden West

Lifeline recertification reminder. Sent prior
to recertification

May 31, 2018

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

<<Address>>

<<City>>, <<State>> <<ZIP>>

RE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR LIFELINE DISCOUNT

Each year, Golden West contacts you to recertify your eligibility for Lifeline, a federal program that saves you money on Internet or phone service. In the past, the recertification process has occurred in September or October. However, recent federal changes to the program now require customers to recertify prior to their service anniversary month.

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If you have any initial questions on the recertification process, please contact us at 1-855-888-7777 or dial 777 from your Golden West phone. Thank you for being a customer and for your attention to this important information!

Sincerely,

Golden West

Lifeline recertification reminder - Tribal areas.
Sent to customers 2 weeks into recertification period.

March 6, 2018

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

<<Address>>

<<City>>, <<State>> <<ZIP>>

Urgent Lifeline Information

The week of February 20th, you should have received your Tribal Broadband Lifeline recertification form. You must completely fill out the form and return it before **April 22, 2018** or you will lose your Lifeline discount.

If you have already returned the form, you may disregard this letter and accept our sincere thanks.

We have included an additional recertification form in case you misplaced the original. Please complete all the sections required and return it to the Lifeline Administrator. You must complete the recertification form correctly or the monthly discount will be removed from your Internet service.

AS A REMINDER

Tribal Broadband Lifeline members recertifying with Golden West will receive a FREE Kindle Fire tablet!*

To redeem this offer you must maintain Internet service for twelve months, discontinuation of service will result in value of the Kindle being billed back to you.

Please IMMEDIATELY complete and return the form to the Lifeline Administrator at the address listed below. If you need assistance, please call 1155 from a Golden West phone or call **1-855-888-7777**.

Thank you,
Golden West

Enc. Lifeline Recertification Form

**If you have not previously received a Kindle Fire tablet.
One free tablet per Lifeline customer.*

Send the Completed Form to:
Lifeline Administrator
30 Lanidex Plaza West,
PO Box 685
Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

Lifeline recertification reminder. Sent to customers 2 weeks in to recertification period.

August 1, 2018

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

<<Mailing Street Address>>

<<Mailing City>>, <<Mailing State>> <<Mailing ZIP>>

Urgent Lifeline Information

The week of August 20th, you should have received your Lifeline recertification form. You must completely fill out the form and return it before **October 21, 2018** or you will lose your Lifeline discount.

If you have already returned the form, you may disregard this letter and accept our sincere thanks.

We have included an additional recertification form in case you misplaced the original. Please complete all the sections required and return it to the Lifeline Administrator. You must complete the recertification form correctly or the monthly discount will be removed from your Internet or phone service.

Please **IMMEDIATELY** complete and return the form to the Lifeline Administrator at the address listed below. If you need assistance, please call 1155 from a Golden West phone or call **1-855-888-7777**.

Thank you,
Golden West

Enc. Lifeline Recertification Form

Send the Completed Form to:
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Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

Lifeline recertification reminder, 2nd notice.

IMPORTANT

Lifeline Information

As a current Lifeline customer, you receive discounted Internet or phone service from Golden West. To continue receiving the discount, you must complete the recertification form that arrived in the mail from the Lifeline Administrator the week of June 18th.

You must fill out the form completely and return it to the Lifeline Administrator before August 19, 2018.

We have included an additional recertification form in case you misplaced the original. Please complete all the sections required and return it to the Lifeline Administrator. You must complete the recertification form correctly or the monthly discount will be removed from your Internet or phone service.

Once again, to ensure that you continue to receive your local phone or Internet service discount, you must complete and return the Lifeline recertification form as soon as you receive it.

If you need any assistance, call

1-855-888-7777.

Send the completed form to:

Lifeline Administrator
30 Lanidex Plaza West,
PO Box 685
Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

*Thank you for letting us serve
your telecommunications needs.*

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Lifeline recertification reminder - Tribal areas.
2nd notice.

IMPORTANT

Lifeline Information

As a current Tribal Broadband Lifeline customer, you receive discounted Internet service from Golden West. To continue receiving the discount, you must complete the recertification form that arrived in the mail from the Lifeline Administrator the week of August 20th.

Tribal Broadband Lifeline members recertifying with Golden West will receive a FREE Kindle Fire tablet!

To redeem this offer you must maintain Internet service for twelve months, discontinuation of service will result in value of Kindle being billed back to you.

You must fill out the form completely and return it to the Lifeline Administrator before October 21, 2018.

Included in this mailing is a recertification form for you to use if you have misplaced the one that was sent to you. Failure to complete the application correctly, and on time, will result in the loss of your discount.

Once again, to ensure that you continue to receive your Internet service discount, you must complete and return the Lifeline recertification form as soon as you receive it.

Send the completed form to:

Lifeline Administrator
30 Lanidex Plaza West,
PO Box 685
Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

If you need any assistance, call

1-855-888-7777.

Thank you for letting us serve your telecommunications needs.

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**Lifeline and Tribal Link-up
Advertisement in Company
Directory**

Back cover of Golden West telephone directory.

Lifeline ASSISTANCE

Access to broadband Internet service is vital in today's world.

Lifeline provides important discounts to individuals who qualify.

Lifeline is a federal program available from Golden West. Lifeline will provide \$9.25 per month towards qualifying Internet or telephone service for eligible customers.

Tribal Lifeline and Link-Up will provide qualifying residents of tribal lands with up to \$34.25 monthly discount towards qualifying Internet or telephone service, as well as discounted connection charges.

Lifeline discounts can also be applied to a SmartPAK bundle with Internet.

With both Lifeline and Tribal Lifeline, you can also block long distance calls at no charge. Long distance, hearing impaired services, and other fees still apply.



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To find out if you're eligible for Lifeline, call 1-855-888-7777 or learn more at goldenwest.com/lifeline.



Lifeline

ASSISTANCE

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*Inside
Golden West
telephone
directory.*

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- Program based eligibility: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) • Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
• Medicaid • Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8 • Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs

Tribal Lifeline and Link-Up will provide qualifying residents of tribal lands with up to \$34.25 monthly discount towards qualifying broadband Internet or telephone service for eligible customers, as well as discounted connection charges.

- Program based eligibility: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) • Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
• Medicaid • Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8 • Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
• Head Start (income eligible) • Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
• Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) • Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs

You may also qualify for the monthly savings if your income level falls at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Qualifying income levels range from \$16,281 for a single person household to \$33,210 for a family of four.

Lifeline discounts can also be applied to a SmartPAK bundle with Internet.

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**Lifeline and Tribal Link-up
Information on Company
Website**

Lifeline



Lifeline Assistance

Lifeline (a federal program available from Golden West), includes **broadband Internet or telephone**. Lifeline provides a monthly discount towards Internet or phone services for qualifying customers. This discount can also be applied to a SmartPAK bundles with Internet.

The Tribal Lifeline and Link-Up programs allow for discounts for qualified consumers living on Tribal lands.

What do the programs provide?

LIFELINE provides eligible subscribers with a monthly credit of \$9.25 on the basic service portion of their Internet or telephone bill. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge.

TRIBAL LIFELINE assistance for residents of tribal lands provides eligible subscribers with a up to \$34.25 monthly discount for Internet or telephone service. CIF (Hearing Impaired Service) and 911 fees still apply. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge.

TRIBAL LINK-UP provides eligible tribal land subscribers with reduced connection charges for their basic home telephone service. This discount is 100 percent of the applicable charges up to \$100.00. It does not cover the cost of wiring inside your home and is limited to one time per home address per subscriber.

To see if you are eligible for Lifeline, please review the information on the links listed above. Call us at 1-855-888-7777 for more assistance.

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Lifeline Requirements



Lifeline

A federal program available from Golden West, will include broadband. Lifeline will provide **\$9.25 per month** towards Internet or phone services for qualifying customers. This discount can also be applied to a SmartPAK bundle with Internet.

Lifeline customers must participate in one of the following Programs or meet the below Income Levels:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
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- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs

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Are there any restrictions? Lifeline can only be used for one phone line in a household. You may purchase additional services available to a non-Lifeline customer except if on LOTS program or other tribal programs. You must establish phone service prior to applying for the Lifeline discount.

What proof of eligibility do I need to provide? You will be required to provide proof of enrollment in one of the qualifying programs listed above. Proof of total household income will be required for income based qualification. Your Lifeline benefits will take effect when proof of eligibility is received.

How do I continue to receive Lifeline benefits? Eligibility will be reviewed annually. Your benefits will be discontinued when you no longer meet the eligibility requirements or when proof of eligibility is not received. Customers who are no longer eligible for Lifeline benefits must notify their phone service provider.

Being a Lifeline customer does not protect you from being disconnected if you fail to pay your bill. Customers permanently disconnected must re-certify for their Lifeline benefit. Lifeline discounts cannot be applied to an outstanding balance owed to your telecommunications company.

If you're currently enrolled in any of the above programs or meet the income-based eligibility guidelines, call 1-855-888-7777 to receive a Lifeline Application Form.



Tribal Lifeline

A federal program available from Golden West, provides up to **\$34.25 monthly** towards qualifying internet or telephone service for eligible customers. This discount can also be applied to a SmartPAK bundle with internet.

Tribal Lifeline customers must reside on Tribal lands and participate in one of the following Programs or meet the below Income Levels:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Head Start (Income eligible)
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
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If you're currently enrolled in any of the qualifying programs or meet the income-based eligibility guidelines, call 1-855-888-7777 to receive a Tribal Lifeline / Link-Up Application Form.

Company Information Posted on USAC Website

Companies Near Me

See the Do I Qualify? page to find out if you qualify for a Lifeline Program discount.

USAC Website

Find a Company

Enter Your Zip Code

OR

Enter Your City and State

Example: 12345

[Clear Results](#)




Note: The search results may not show every company that is near you. A company may still offer Lifeline even if it is not on this list. Please ask the service provider if they offer Lifeline in your area.

Companies near 57790

The order of this list is random and may change next time you search. The results will still be the same.


Showing 2 of 2 companies

 [Print List](#)

Download List:   

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service ▲	State
Golden West Telecommunications	855-888-7777	Home Phone	SD

Other Lifeline and Tribal Link- Up Advertising and Outreach



Save on your
Internet Services
with help from

Lifeline

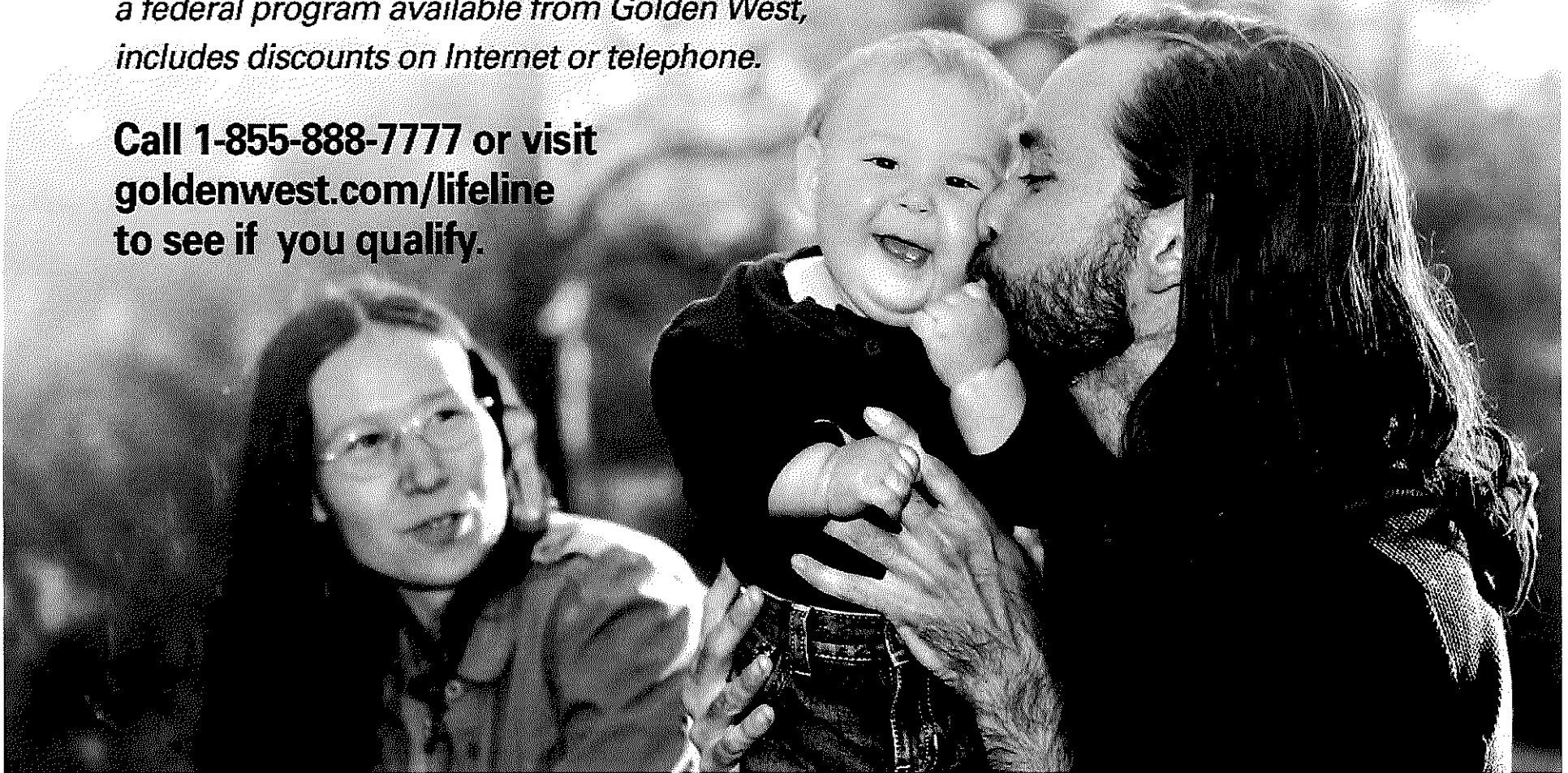
1-855-888-7777

*CATV Slide - runs year-round on Golden West info
channel in non-Tribal areas*

Lifeline Helping You Stay Connected

*a federal program available from Golden West,
includes discounts on Internet or telephone.*

**Call 1-855-888-7777 or visit
goldenwest.com/lifeline
to see if you qualify.**



*CATV slide - runs year-round on Golden West info
channel in Tribal areas*

Monthly Bill Messages

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LIFELINE BENEFITS:

You may be eligible for discounted monthly internet or phone service through Lifeline, a federal benefit program. Lifeline offers a discount of \$9.25 off the cost of internet or phone service each month. If you receive assistance from one or more of the following programs, you may be eligible:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Medicaid
Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8
Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs

You may also qualify if your income falls at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Please call 1-855-888-7777 to learn more about eligibility and requirements, and to apply for these important benefits.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LIFELINE BENEFITS:

Golden West customers living on tribal lands may be eligible for discounted monthly internet or phone service through Tribal Lifeline, a federal benefit program. If you receive assistance from one or more of the following programs, you may be eligible:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Medicaid
Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8
Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
Head Start (income eligible)
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs

You may also qualify if your income falls at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Tribal Lifeline offers discounted monthly internet or phone service, but taxes and fees still apply. Tribal Linkup provides financial assistance for the cost of connection charges. Please call 1-855-888-7777 to learn more about eligibility and requirements, and to apply for these important benefits.