

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

Company:

Address:

Telephone number:

Company contact:

Study Area Code:

Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:



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



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



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

Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. www.valleytel.net



Company's information posted on USAC website.

Other (describe):

*Required



**Valley Telecommunications
Cooperative**

**PO Box 7 – 102 Main St S
Herreid, SD 57632-0007**

Ph: 605.437.2615 – Fax: 605.437.2220

www.valleytel.net

The Home Team Advantage.

Dear Customer:

Valley Telecommunications participates in the Lifeline assistance program. Lifeline assistance is available if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents or the subscribers' household receives benefits from one of the following qualifying federal assistance programs:

- Medicaid
 - SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance
 - Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension
- Or
- Individuals whose household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline assistance.

If you are eligible for Lifeline assistance under any of the programs listed above, please complete the enclosed application.

If you qualify for Lifeline assistance based on household income, please complete the enclosed application and Income Certification Form, attach the required documentation* and return it to our office in the enclosed return envelope.

*Documentation of income eligibility includes the previous year's state or federal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub, a Social Security statement of benefits, or other such official documents. If your documentation does not cover an entire year, please provide three consecutive month's worth of the same type of document. Please note that *income* is all income actually received by all members of the household. Income includes salary before deductions for taxes, public assistance benefits, Social Security payments, pensions, unemployment compensation, veteran's benefits, inheritances, alimony, child support payments, worker's compensation benefits, gifts and lottery winnings. The only exceptions are student financial aid, military housing and cost-of-living allowances and irregular income from occasional small jobs such as baby-sitting or lawn mowing.

If you require assistance completing the forms, please feel free to stop by our office at 102 Main St in Herreid or you may contact our business office at 437-2615 and we will be happy to assist you.

Please note that Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidelines require companies, like ours, to annually verify a sample of Lifeline customers' for continued eligibility in the program. You may be required to complete the application and/or provide additional information on a yearly basis for random sampling purposes. This benefit can only be received on either wireless or landline telephone service or broadband service. Each customer can only receive one Lifeline subsidy.



Lifeline Assistance Programs

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The Lifeline program provides a reduction in basic monthly telephone service or broadband service of \$9.25. The credit applies to the main home account listed in the name of the subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge.

Telephone service must be in the applicant's name. The subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependants or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following qualifying federal assistance programs:

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(Continued) Telephone Assistance Programs

Other ways to qualify

A recent FCC ruling has added an additional eligibility criterion that is purely "income-based," and is not tied to subscriber participation in the previously mentioned government assistance programs. You are now eligible to participate in Lifeline if your income is at, or below, 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. These guidelines can be viewed at <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/do-i-qualify/federal-poverty-guidelines.aspx>

Income Certification

If you qualify under the income-based eligibility criterion, and wish to apply for Lifeline Assistance, you must provide our office with supporting documentation of income.* Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or a paycheck stub (at least 2 months), a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, an Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits, federal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance, a divorce decree, child support, or other official documentation. (Subsection 54.410(1)).

**Income for eligibility requirements is defined to include "all income actually received by all members of the household." Income is considered "gross" income, prior to taxes. Exceptions to income include student financial aid, military housing and cost of living allowances, and irregular income from occasional small jobs.*

Lifeline Program Application Form



1. About Lifeline

Lifeline is a federal benefit that lowers the monthly cost of phone or internet service.

Rules

If you qualify, your household can get Lifeline for phone or internet service, but not both.

- If you get Lifeline for phone service, you can get the benefit for one mobile phone or one home phone, but not both.
- If you get Lifeline for internet service, you can get the benefit for your mobile phone or your home connection, but not both.
- If you get Lifeline for bundled phone and internet service, you can get the benefit for your mobile phone bundled service or your home bundled service, but not both.

Your household cannot get Lifeline from more than one phone or internet company.

You are only allowed to get one Lifeline benefit per household, **not per person**. If more than one person in your household gets Lifeline, you are breaking the FCC's rules and will lose your benefit.

What is a household?

A household is a group of people who live together and share income and expenses (even if they are not related to each other).

Do not give your benefit to another person

Lifeline is non-transferable. You cannot give your Lifeline benefit to another person, even if they qualify.

Be honest on this form

You must give accurate and true information on this form and on all Lifeline-related forms or questionnaires. If you give false or fraudulent information, you will lose your Lifeline benefit (i.e., de-enrollment or being barred from the program) and the United States government can take legal actions against you. This may include (but is not limited to) fines or imprisonment.

You may need to show other documents

You will need to show your phone or internet company an official document from one of the government qualifying programs or prove your annual income. Please provide copies of your official documents with this application. Include the documents in option 1 or option 2 below:

1. If you qualify through a government program: copies of your state ID card and an official document from the program you are qualifying through (your SNAP card, Medicaid card, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit letter, Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) award letter, or other accepted documents).
2. If you qualify through your income: copies of your state ID card and your last state, federal, or Tribal tax return, pay stubs for 3 consecutive months, or other accepted documents. Visit lifelinesupport.org to see the full list of accepted documents.

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Apply

To apply for a Lifeline benefit, fill out the required sections of this form, initial every agreement statement, and sign on page 6.

To apply, bring or mail this form to your phone or internet company.

Lifeline Program Application Form



2. Your Information

All fields are required unless indicated. Use only CAPITALIZED LETTERS and black ink to fill out this form.

What is your full legal name?

The name you use on official documents, like your Social Security Card or State ID. Not a nickname.

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First

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Middle (optional)

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Suffix (optional)

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Last

What is your phone number (if you have one)?

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What is your date of birth?

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Month

Day

Year

What is your email address (if you have one)?

What are the last 4 numbers of your Social Security Number (SSN)?

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If you do not have a SSN, what is your Tribal Identification Number?

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What is the best way to reach you?

email phone text message mail

Lifeline Program Application Form



2. Your Information (continued)

*Tribal lands include any federally recognized Indian tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony, including former reservations in Oklahoma; Alaska Native regions established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688); Indian allotments; Hawaiian Home Lands--areas held in trust for Native Hawaiians by the state of Hawaii, pursuant to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 July 9, 1921, 42 Stat. 108, et. seq., as amended; and any land designated as such by the Commission for purposes of this subpart pursuant to the designation process in the FCC's Lifeline rules.

What is your home address? (The address where you will get service. Do not use a P.O. Box)

Street Number and Name

Apt., Unit, etc.

City

State

Zip Code

Is this a temporary address? Yes No **Check if you live on Tribal Lands***

What is your mailing address? (Only fill this out if it is not the same as your home address.)

Street Number and Name

Apt., Unit, etc.

City

State

Zip Code

Lifeline Program
Application Form



2. Your Information (continued)

Only fill this section out if you are applying through a child or dependent.

Check if you are qualifying through a child or dependent in your household. If so, answer the following questions:

What is their full legal name?

First

Middle (optional)

Suffix (optional)

Last

What is their date of birth?

Month

Day

Year

What are the last 4 numbers of their Social Security Number (SSN)?

If they do not have a SSN, what is their Tribal Identification Number?

Lifeline Program Application Form



3. Qualify for Lifeline

Fill out this section to show that you, your dependent, or someone in your household qualifies for Lifeline.

You can qualify through some government assistance programs or through your income (you do not need to qualify through both).

Qualify through a government program:

Check all programs that you or someone in your household have:

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

Tribal Specific Programs

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Tribal Head Start (only households that meet the income qualifying standard)

Or

Qualify through your income:

(Only fill this out if you do not qualify through a government program.)

Including you, how many people live in your household? (check one)	Is your income the same or less than the amount listed for your state and household size?				
	All 48 States & DC (not Alaska and Hawaii)	Alaska	Hawaii	(only check yes or no next to your household size)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	\$16,389	\$20,493	\$18,846	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	\$22,221	\$27,783	\$25,555.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	\$28,053	\$35,073	\$32,265	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	\$33,885	\$42,363	\$38,974.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	\$39,717	\$49,653	\$45,684	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	\$45,549	\$56,943	\$52,393.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> 7	\$51,381	\$64,233	\$59,103	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> 8	\$57,213	\$71,523	\$65,812.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> If more than 8, add this amount for each extra person:	Add \$5,832	Add \$7,290	Add \$6,709.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

135% of the 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines
 *The Federal Poverty Guidelines are typically updated at the end of January.

Lifeline Program Application Form



4. Agreement

I agree, under penalty of perjury, to the following statements:

You must initial next to each statement.

I (or my dependent or other person in my household) currently get benefits from the government program(s) listed on this form or my annual household income is 135% or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines (the amount listed in the Federal Poverty Guidelines table on this form).
Initial

I agree that if I move I will give my service provider my new address within 30 days.
Initial

I understand that I have to tell my service provider within 30 days if I do not qualify for Lifeline anymore, including:

- 1) I, or the person in my household that qualifies, do not qualify through a government program or income anymore.
- 2) Either I or someone in my household gets more than one Lifeline benefit (including, more than one Lifeline broadband internet service, more than one Lifeline telephone service, or both Lifeline telephone and Lifeline broadband internet services).

I know that my household can only get one Lifeline benefit and, to the best of my knowledge, my household is not getting more than one Lifeline benefit.
Initial

I agree that my service provider can give the Lifeline Program administrator all of the information I am giving on this form. I understand that this information is meant to help run the Lifeline Program and that if I do not let them give it to the Administrator, I will not be able to get Lifeline benefits.
Initial

All the answers and agreements that I provided on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
Initial

I know that willingly giving false or fraudulent information to get Lifeline Program benefits is punishable by law and can result in fines, jail time, de-enrollment, or being barred from the program.
Initial

My service provider may have to check whether I still qualify at any time. If I need to recertify (renew) my Lifeline benefit, I understand that I have to respond by the deadline or I will be removed from the Lifeline Program and my Lifeline benefit will stop.
Initial

I was truthful about whether or not I am a resident of Tribal lands, as defined in section 2 of this form.
Initial

I consent to let USAC contact me at my Lifeline phone number for important reminders and updates to my Lifeline service. Message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to end messages.

Signature	Today's Date
<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>

Lifeline Program Application Form



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5. Agent Information

*Answer only if a sales
person submits this form.*

What is the agent's full legal name?

The name you use on official documents, like your Social Security Card or State ID. Not a nickname.

First

Middle (optional)

Suffix (optional)

Last

What is the agent's ID number?

What is the agent's date of birth?

Month

Day

Year

Lifeline Program Application Form



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Notice

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE: Section 54.410 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules requires all Lifeline subscribers to demonstrate their eligibility to receive Lifeline services. This collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §254. Using this authority, the FCC has designated USAC as the permanent Lifeline Administrator. The FCC has published rules detailing how consumers can qualify for Lifeline services and what Lifeline services they may receive (47 CFR 54.400 et seq.). The data provided in response to this information collection will be used by USAC to verify the applicant's eligibility for Lifeline services.

We have estimated that each response to this collection of information will take, on average, between 0.25 and 0.75 hours. Our estimate includes the time to read the questions, look through existing records, gather the required data, and actually complete and review the form or response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write to the Federal Communications Commission, OMD-PERM, Paperwork Reduction Project (3060-0819), Washington, D.C. 20554. We also will accept your comments via the Internet if you send them to PRA@fcc.gov. Please DO NOT SEND COMPLETED DATA COLLECTION FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

Remember – You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-0819.

The Commission is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information we request on this form. If we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of a statute or a Commission regulation, rule, or order, your response may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order.

If you do not provide the information we request on this form, you will not be eligible to receive Lifeline services under the Lifeline Program rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.400-54.423.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, P.L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: The Privacy Act is a law that requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to explain why we are asking individuals for personal information and what we are going to do with this information after we collect it.

Authority: Section 254 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 254), as amended, 47 U.S.C. §254, authorizes the FCC to operate the Lifeline program. Using this authority, the FCC has designated USAC as the permanent Lifeline Administrator. The FCC has published rules detailing how consumers can qualify for Lifeline services and what Lifeline services they may receive (47 CFR 54.400 et seq.).

Purpose: We are collecting this personal information so we can verify that you qualify for the Lifeline program and so we can efficiently provide Lifeline services to you. We access, maintain and use your personal information in the manner described in the Lifeline System of Records Notice (SORN), FCC/WCB-1, which we have published in 82 Fed. Reg. 38686 (Aug. 15, 2017).

Routine Uses: We may share the personal information you enter into this form with other parties for specific purposes, such as: with contractors that help us operate the Lifeline program; with other federal and state government agencies that help us determine your Lifeline eligibility; with the telecommunications companies that provide you Lifeline service; and with law enforcement and other officials investigating potential violations of Lifeline rules.

A complete listing of the ways we may use your information is published in the Lifeline SORN described in the "Purpose" paragraph of this statement.

Disclosure: You are not required to provide the information we are requesting, but if you do not, you will not be eligible to receive Lifeline services under the Lifeline Program rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.400-54.423.



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Dear Customer:

Under the Federal Communications Commission's rules, the Lifeline Program is implementing a National Verifier to perform eligibility validation for all existing and new Lifeline customers. As a result, all existing Lifeline customers are required to go through a reverification process to verify they remain eligible to participate in the program and that no one else in their household receives Lifeline supported service from Valley Telecommunications or any other Lifeline service provider.

Please complete the enclosed Lifeline Program Application Form and return it and to our office or mail it to our consultant in the envelope, **along with documentation of your participation in an eligible program.**

Eligible programs are: **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Program, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Medicaid. You may also be eligible based on your income (please see the Annual Guidelines listed on the application).**

If you participate in one of the above programs, please include a copy of your program card or some type of documentation showing your participation. If you qualify by income, please provide a copy of your 2017 tax return (first page) or 3 consecutive months of paycheck stubs or bank statements showing all your income.

Failure to return the information or to provide all of the information requested on the form will result in de-enrollment from the Lifeline program pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.405(e)(4), and will lead to an increase in your monthly phone service bill.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (605) 437-2615.

Sincerely,

Sarah Wientjes, Customer Service Representative
Valley Telecommunications
PO Box 7
Herreid SD 57632-0007



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2018 Lifeline Program Annual Recertification Form

If you receive a Lifeline Program benefit and would like to recertify your continued eligibility by mail, you must complete and return this form within 60 days. If you do not return this form within 60 days or if the form is incomplete/illegible, Valley will remove your monthly Lifeline discount. This may result in an increased monthly bill.

Section 1 of 3: Subscriber Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Last 4-digits of SSN: _____

(Circle One) I would prefer: Telephone Discount of \$9.25 Broadband Discount of \$9.25

Primary Residence (no PO Box):

Street Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Is this a temporary address?: (Circle One) YES NO

Billing Address, if different from service address (may include PO Box):

Mailing Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Section 2 of 3: Eligibility for Lifeline

Complete this section to indicate that you, a dependent, or a household** member receives benefits from at least one qualifying federal program or qualifies through income requirements. **A household is any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.

Complete this section if you qualify through a program

****Proof of Qualification Required****

Check all programs you/your household participates in:

____ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

____ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

____ Medicaid

____ Federal Public Housing

____ Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs

OR

Complete this section if you qualify through income

****Proof of Qualification Required****

My household income is at or below the amount listed for my state and household size on the chart below.

Including myself, my household size is: _____

Household Size	South Dakota
1	\$16,281
2	\$21,924
3	\$27,567
4	\$33,210
5	\$38,853
6	\$44,496
7	\$50,139
8	\$55,782
Each additional member, add:	\$5,643

Section 3 of 3: Required Certifications:

Initials Required:

Initial _____

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that:

1. I (or my dependent or other member of my household) currently receive(s) benefits from the federal program(s) identified or my annual household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Initial _____

2. I understand that I must notify my service provider within 30 day (1) of my new address if I move or (2) if for any reason I no longer satisfy the criteria for receiving Lifeline benefits including (a) I, or the eligible person in my household, no longer meet the program or income eligibility criteria or (b) my household receives more than one Lifeline discounted service (i.e., more than one Lifeline broadband service, more than one Lifeline telephone service, or both Lifeline telephone and Lifeline broadband services).

Initial _____

3. I acknowledge that my household can only receive one Lifeline Program benefit and, to the best of my knowledge, my household is not receiving more than one Lifeline Program benefit (i.e., only receiving a benefit for one home phone service or for one mobile phone service, but not both).

Initial _____

4. I agree that my service provider may transmit to the Administrator of the National Lifeline Accountability Database my full name, my full residential address, my date of birth, the last four digits of my Social Security Number, the telephone number that is associated with the Lifeline Program benefit, the date on which the Lifeline Program service began, the date on which the Lifeline Program benefit ended, the amount of support sought by my service provider, and the means through which I qualify for the Lifeline Program benefit. I understand the transmission of this information is required to ensure the proper administration of the Lifeline Program. I also understand that if I refuse to have this information transmitted to the Administrator, I will be denied Lifeline Program benefits.

Initial _____

5. All of my responses and acknowledgements provided on this recertification form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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6. I acknowledge that willingly making false statements or providing false or fraudulent information to obtain Lifeline Program benefits is punishable by law and can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment, or being barred from the program.

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7. I may be required to recertify my continued eligibility at any time and failure to recertify my eligibility for the Lifeline Program will result in my removal from the Lifeline Program and termination of my Lifeline benefit.

Lifeline is a federal benefit that makes monthly telephone and broadband service more affordable for eligible households. Your household may receive the Lifeline benefit for telephone service OR broadband service, but not both. For Lifeline telephone service, your household may receive the Lifeline benefit for one mobile OR one fixed home telephone service, but not both. For Lifeline broadband service, you household may receive the Lifeline benefit for one mobile broadband OR one fixed broadband service, but not both. Your household may not receive the Lifeline benefit from more than one service provider. For the purpose of Lifeline, a household is an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income or expenses. Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit. You may not transfer your Lifeline benefit to another person, even if he or she is eligible. You will lose your benefit and may be prosecuted by the United State government if you violate the one-per-household rule or otherwise make false statements to receive the Lifeline benefit.

Signature

Today's Date

Mail your completed form to:
Valley Telecommunications
PO Box 7
Herreid, SD 57632

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complain of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866)632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at US Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjunction, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, by fax (202)690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

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Size of Family Unit	2018 Requirement
1	\$16,389
2	\$22,221
3	\$28,053
4	\$33,885
5	\$39,717
6	\$45,549
7	\$51,381
8	\$57,213
For Each Additional Person, Add	\$5,832



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Lifeline Telephone Assistance Plan



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The Program

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Income Certification

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Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes:

- the prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return
- a current income statement from an employer or a paycheck stub (at least 2 months)
- a Social Security Statement of Benefits
- a Veterans Administration Statement of Benefits
- a retirement/pension statement of benefits
- and Unemployment/Worker's Compensation Statement of benefits
- federal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance
- a divorce decree, child support or other official documentation.

(Subsection 54.410(1)).

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Could I Become Ineligible?

If you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for telephone/broadband assistance under the program based criterion. In addition, if the Benefit Qualifying Person is no longer eligible for assistance and you DO NOT meet the income guidelines, you are no longer eligible.

By signing and submitting the application, you certify under penalty of perjury that you, in fact, qualify for Lifeline benefits, and if, at any time, you become ineligible, you will notify Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn, Inc.

In addition, Valley's compliance with the FCC Regulations will include annual verification of eligibility of program participants. Verification procedures include annual recertification.

How Do I Apply?

If you meet the eligibility requirements, completely fill out and sign the application form provided with this brochure (include documentation) and mail it to:

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PO Box 7
Herreid, SD 57632-0007

If you are applying for assistance under the income-based criteria, you must also include the supporting documentation of income as indicated.

TELEPHONE/BROADBAND ASSISTANCE PLAN



The Program

Changes brought about by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 have resulted in the introduction of low-income assistance programs in South Dakota. Low-income subscribers may qualify to receive reduced monthly and installation charges for basic telephone or broadband service.

Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. is authorized to provide the federal telephone assistance program that was developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone service and/or broadband for low-income citizens.

Lifeline

The Lifeline program provides a reduction in basic monthly telephone or broadband service of \$9.25*. The credit applies to the main account listed in the name of the subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no additional charge.

* May be subject to change by the FCC.

* This benefit can only be received on either wireless or land-line telephone service or broadband service. Each customer can receive only one subsidy.

Who is Eligible?

Telephone service must be in the applicant's name. The subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependants or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following federal assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Veteran's Pension or Survivor's Pension
- Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Other Ways to Qualify

A recent FCC ruling has added an additional eligibility criterion that is purely "income-based", and is not tied to subscriber participation in the previously mentioned government assistance programs. You are now eligible to participate in Lifeline if your income is at, or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Current guidelines may be obtained by contacting Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. or visit www.universalservice.org.

Income Certification

If you qualify under the income-based eligibility criterion, and wish to apply for Lifeline Assistance, you must provide our office with supporting documentation of income.* Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or a paycheck stub (at least 2 months), a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, an Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits, federal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance, a divorce decree, child support, or other official documentation. (Subsection 54.410(1)).

**Income for eligibility requirements is defined to include "all income actually received by all members of the household." Income is considered "gross" income, prior to taxes. Exceptions to income include student financial aid, military housing and cost of living allowances, and irregular income from occasional small jobs.*

Could I become ineligible?

If you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for telephone/broadband assistance under the program based criteria. In addition, if the Benefit Qualifying Person is no longer eligible for assistance and you DO NOT meet the income guidelines, you are no longer eligible.

By signing and submitting the application, you certify under penalty of perjury that you, in fact, qualify for Lifeline benefits, and if, at any time, you become ineligible, you will notify Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc.

In addition, Valley's compliance with the FCC Regulations will include annual verification of eligibility of program participants. Verification procedures include annual re-certification.

How to Apply

Contact Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. to obtain an application and income certification and verification form and provide all supporting documentation to Valley's business office at: PO Box 7, 102 Main St. S., Herreid, SD 57632; or call 437-2615.



Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
 COUNTY OF CAMPBELL } ss:

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I, Leah Burke, being first duly sworn under oath say: the **Prairie Pioneer** is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Codified Laws, and any acts amendatory thereto, published to Allan and Leah Burke in said county and state, and has been such legal newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned; that during all of said time as an employee or officer of said newspaper, I have had personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Universal Telephone Service

A printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for... successive weeks upon the following dates, to wit:

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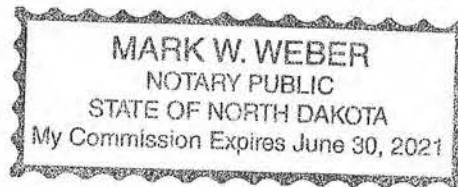
That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to wit: the sum of 129.00

inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

WRP

subscribed and sworn to before me this
 14th day of, June, 2018

Mark W. Weber



Prairie Pioneer
Heartland Publishing, Inc.

PO BOX 218
 POLLOCK, SD 57648-0218

Voice: 605-889-2320
 Fax: 605-889-2361
 email: pioneer@valleytel.net

INVOICE

Invoice Number: 50792
 Invoice Date: Jan 3, 2019
 Page: 1

Bill To:
VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PO BOX 7 HERREID, SD 57632

Customer ID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
V001		Due at end of Month	
Sales Rep ID	Shipping Method	Ship Date	Due Date
			1/31/19

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
12.00	AD	FEDERAL LIFELINE NOTICE	8.00	96.00
<p><i>Vendor - 328 1.6728 (162)</i></p> <p>Call today to pay your bill with a credit card.</p>				

Subtotal	96.00
Sales Tax	
Total Invoice Amount	96.00
Payment/Credit Applied	
TOTAL	96.00

Check/Credit Memo No:

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Federal Lifeline
Notice

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That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to wit: the sum of \$96.00

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[Signature]

subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of January, 20 19

[Signature]

MARK W. WEBER
 NOTARY PUBLIC
 STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
 My Commission Expires June 30, 2021

Federal Lifeline Notice

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of McPherson

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[Signature], of said county and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says: That the McPherson County Herald is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, and a legal newspaper as defined by Section 7070, 1919 Revised Code printed and published in Leola in said County

and State by [Signature] and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned, and that

I, [Signature], the undersigned am publisher of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all facts stated in this affidavit, and that the advertisement headed:

Valley Telecommunications
Universal Telephone Service

a printed copy of which is hereto attached was printed and

published in the said newspaper for 1 successive issues, to-wit: The first publication being made on

June 13, 2018

the second on _____

the third on _____

the fourth on _____

the fifth on _____

the sixth on _____

That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same,

to-wit: the sum of \$ 56.00 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the McPherson County Herald. That no agreement or understanding of any division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever

JODI L. KALLAS
Notary Public
SEAL
South Dakota

[Signature] Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of

July, 20 18

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires _____ My Commission Expires 08-25-2019, 20 _____

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Federal Lifeline Notice

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January 9, 2019

the second on _____

the third on _____

the fourth on _____

the fifth on _____

the sixth on _____

That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same,

to-wit: the sum of \$ 38.50 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the McPherson County Herald. That no agreement or understanding of any division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

JODI L. KALLAS
Notary Public
SEAL
South Dakota

Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of

February, 2019

Jodi L. Kallas
Notary Public

My commission expires _____ My Commission Expires 08-25-2019, 20____

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GIBSON PUBLISHING

PO BOX 7
419 5th Ave.
Ipswich, SD 57451

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
6/13/2018	47477

Bill To
Valley Cable & Satellite PO Box 7 Herreid, SD 57632

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Column Inch	Amount
Tribune ad - Kelsey	4	11.00
Tribune ad - Universal Services	15	42.75
R-H Independent ad - Universal Services	15	42.75

	Subtotal	\$96.50
	Sales Tax (6.5%)	\$0.00
	Total	\$96.50
	Payments/Credits	\$0.00
	Balance Due	\$96.50

**AFFIDAVIT OF
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) SS
County of Edmunds)

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UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE**

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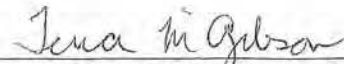
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Forty-two Dollars and

seventy-five cents (\$ 42.75)

Signed: 

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of July, 20 18


Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota
My commission expires February 26, 2019

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FEDERAL LIFELINE NOTICE

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Twenty-eight Dollars and
fifty cents (\$ 28.50)

Signed: 

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of Jan., 20 19


Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota
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Signed: *[Signature]*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of July, 20 18


Jena M Gibson
Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota
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 www.valleytel.net

N.W. Blade
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Invoice

BILL TO

Valley Telco Cooperative
102 Main St. S.
PO Box 7
Herried, SD 57632

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
18626	06/01/2018	\$81.60	07/31/2018	Net 60	

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Display Ad 6/14- Universal Telephone Service- Display Ad	16	5.10	81.60
Thank you for your business!			BALANCE DUE
			\$81.60

Vendor - 339
Ac 1.6728 (162)

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THE

2 DAY OF July, 2018.

NOTARY SIGNATURE: Joell L. Bieber

Joell L. Bieber
Notary Public South Dakota
My Commission Expires 4-2-2020

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19776	01/01/2019	\$62.50	02/28/2019	Net 30	

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Display Ad 1/10- Lifeline Notice- Display Ad	10	6.25	62.50
Thank you for your business!			
		BALANCE DUE	\$62.50

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Kelly Eisemann
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Federal Lifeline Notice

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Valley Telco % Accounting Dept
 PO Box 7
 102 Main St. S
 Herreid, SD 57632
 US

Transaction Period: 6/1/2018 - 6/30/2018

Advertiser Number: 3386
 Billing Date: 6/30/2018
 Due Date: 7/30/2018
Amount Due: \$264.00
 Amount Enclosed: _____

Please detach top portion and return with your payment.

STATEMENT

Moberidge Tribune/Reminder

6/30/2018

Date	Ref No.	Transaction	Details	Debit	Credit
Balance Forward:				\$90.00	
6/8/2018	240963	Check	46970		\$90.00
6/15/2018	242137	Invoice	Universal Telephone Service	\$264.00	
		6/11/2018 REM	2 x 7.5	\$158.40	
			Display Ad: ROP: Universal Telephone Service		
		6/13/2018 TRIB	2 x 7.5	\$105.60	
			Display Ad: ROP: Universal Telephone Service		

JUL - 2 2018

Valley Telco % Accounting Dept
 Advertiser No: 3386
 No. of TearSheets: 1

AGING

Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91+
\$264.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Balance Forward: \$90.00
 Debits: \$264.00
 Credits: \$90.00
Amount Due: \$264.00

A fee of 1.5% will be imposed on all balances that are past due.
 Please make checks payable to: Moberidge Tribune.

Thank you for advertising with our paper!

Vendor - 484
 Ac 1.6728 (16a)

Prairie Pioneer
Heartland Publishing, Inc.

PO BOX 218
 POLLOCK, SD 57648-0218

Voice: 605-889-2320
 Fax: 605-889-2361
 email: pioneer@valleytel.net

INVOICE

Invoice Number: 49589
 Invoice Date: Jun 14, 2018
 Page: 1

Bill To:

VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 PO BOX 7
 HERREID, SD 57632

Customer ID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
V001		Due at end of Month	
Sales Rep ID	Shipping Method	Ship Date	Due Date
			6/30/18

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
1.00	AD	UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE	129.10	129.10
<p><i>Vendor-328</i></p> <p>Call today to pay your bill with a credit card.</p>				

Subtotal	129.10
Sales Tax	
Total Invoice Amount	129.10
Payment/Credit Applied	
TOTAL	129.10

Check/Credit Memo No:

JUN 18 2018

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF WALWORTH

I, Lori Cox, having first duly sworn under oath say: The Mobridge Tribune is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Code of Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Nine, and any acts amendatory thereto, printed and published by the Bridge City Publishing, Inc., in Mobridge, in said county and state, and has been such legal newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned; that during all of said time as an employee or officer of said newspaper I have had personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Valley Telecommunications Universal Telephone Service

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for two successive weeks upon the following dates, to-wit:

June 6th & 13th

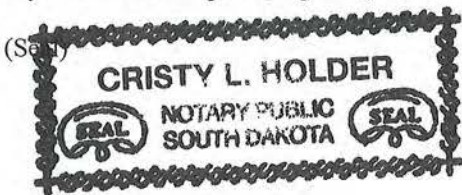
that the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to-wit: the sum of \$264.00 inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

Lori Cox

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of June, 2018

Cristy L Holder

Cristy L Holder, Notary Public
State of South Dakota
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Companies near Herreid, SD

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

Showing 1 of 1 companies

 Print List

Download List:   

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service ▲	State
Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association	605-437-2615	Home Phone	SD

If you want to see more companies, [see the list of companies in SD](#).

Tell Us What You Think

We will continue to update this tool, so please check back often. If you have any comments or find something wrong, please email us at LifelineProgram@usac.org.

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