SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2020

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To qualify for Lifeline, subscribers must be approved by the Lifeline National Verifier. There are several ways to qualify such as having a household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Cuidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household receiving benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Veteran's Pension and Survivor Benefit
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The basic services described above are offered to all consumers in Faith Municipal Telephone Company's service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunications services, please call Faith Municipal Telephone Company's office at (605) 967-2261. To qualify for Lifeline, please go to: www.checklifeline.org

Prairie

Eliza Blue

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Where I got the idea that they were in the primate family, I do not know, but my search revealed that the only other thing I thought I knew about lemmings that they purposefully and regularly jump en masse to their deaths -- was also untrue. The origin myth of lemmings' lethal cliff diving behavior, I soon learned, is in fact quite shocking. Apparently, Disney produced a series of nature documentaries in the 1950s and one of them featured a segment using faked footage of lemmings jumping into the ocean. In reality, the lemmings were not acting of their own volition, but were forced over the cliff by the humans filming them. While lemmings will attempt to swim when migrating to find food, and do sometimes drown, it is accidental, not intentional. Yet the idea that lemday. Such is the power of well-crafted misinformation.

The whole episode reminds me of how much I had to un-learn about rural life when I first moved to South Dakota. There were many preconceived notions and anecdotal half-truths I'd picked up from books and movies over the years that I discovered bore little resemblance to the reality of living closer to the land. My homesteader fantasies were just that -- fantasy.

That does not mean the reality of this lifestyle was a disappointment. The shift from urban to rural came with many blessings, and not the least of them was a dose of humility -- it was good to be reminded at that point in my adulthood how much I didn't know, and it continues to be helpful to this day. I am better for being humbled by my inexperience

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much harsher, lesson. As of this writing, one baby has already been born and died, its body malformed, unable to draw a single breath. What a way to begin, and yet, as I've shared in this column before, confronting death regularly is part of ranching.

And that's the other blessing that I struggle even now to accept: There's so much more uncertainty and loss inherent in human experience than modernity acknowledges or prepares us for, but prepare we must, lest we spend all our time trying to avoid the inevitable truth that life is sometimes brutal.

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BILLING NAME & ADDRESS DISCLOSURE

When you place a calling card call, or accept a collect call or third-number billed call, your telephone company is required to provide your billing name and address to the telecommunications service provider that handled the call, if that provider requests. Your telephone company will continue to provide billing name and address information to telecommunications service providers for other account matters, such as customer service, servicing your account, to prevent fraud or when you move from one location to another.

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Faith Municipal Telephone Company is authorized to provide the Lifeline federal telephone assistance program to make telecommunication services (voice or broadband) available for qualifying subscribers. Eligible subscribers will receive a Lifeline credit up to \$9.25 (dependent on service selected).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If your income is less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Level or if you or a member of your family receives benefits from one of the qualifying programs you may qualify. Qualifying programs are: Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) award letter, Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs.

HOW DO I APPLY?

All applications must be approved by the National Verifier. To apply go to www.checklifeline.org or complete a paper application found at www.lifelinesupport.org and gather copies of your eligibility information to mail to London, KY or contact Faith Municipal Telephone Company.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE NEEDED?

The National Verifier will attempt to verify information electronically, if unable to do so the National Verifier could request copies of your tax return or a copy of an official document from one of the qualifying programs identified above. Visit www.lifelinesupport.org to see the full list of accepted documents.

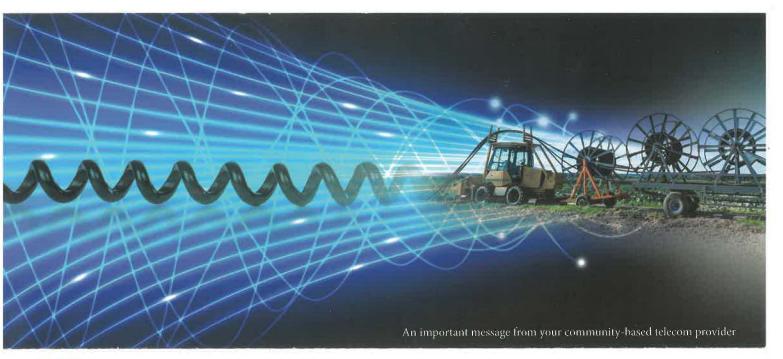
OTHER INFORMATION TO KNOW:

For broadband services to qualify, the service level must be 20 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload or the best available to you. The Lifeline discount is available for one telephone or service per household, which is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. If you move or become ineligible it is your responsibility to notify your service provider within 30 days. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain Lifeline service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

PAY-PER-CALL BILLING RIGHTS

Some companies offer a variety of informational services using phone numbers beginning with 900. There is usually a charge for calls to these numbers. The price and content of these services are established by the companies providing the information.

For 900 billing disputes or inquiries, please call your local telephone company. You have 60 days from the date of the bill to dispute a 900 billing error review. You have the right to withhold payment of the disputed 900 charges during the billing error review. No collection activity for disputed 900 charges will occur while the charges are under investigation. After investigation, if it is determined that the disputed 900 charges are legitimate, the long distance company, or the information provider, may proceed with outside collections against your account for nonpayment of these charges. Your local and long distance service cannot be disconnected for nonpayment of 900 charges. Failure to pay legitimate 900 charges may result in involuntary blocking of access to 900 services to 900 services. Voluntary blocking of access to 900 services is available upon request from your local telephone company.





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An important message from your community-based telecom provider



Your community-based telecom provider is pleased to offer Lifeline service – providing discounted telephone or internet service for eligible consumers.

The Lifeline Universal Service Program is a government supported program available to qualified, low-income consumers and offers a discount for eligible services. Eligible services include telephone and internet service (the latter as of December 2, 2016). If you are an existing telephone service subscriber receiving the monthly Lifeline discount, you can continue to apply that discount to your home or cell phone voice service. But you can only receive a discount on ONE option — telephone or internet.

How to Qualify for a Lifeline Discount

You must participate in at least one of the following programs to be eligible for a Lifeline Program discount:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Program
- · Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- HEAD Start
- Income Below the Federal Poverty Guideline

If you signed up for a Lifeline discount through the National School Lunch Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or any other state-run program, your phone or internet provider may ask you to confirm your enrollment in one of the above, eligible programs when they do your next eligibility confirmation.

Services Eligible for the Lifeline Discount

Lifeline telephone and internet services will have to provide certain minimum features. Lifeline-discounted services must offer at least:

- 500 minutes per month for cell phone voice plans
- 500 MB per month at 3G speeds for cell phone data plans
- 150 GB per month at 10/1 download/upload speeds for home internet plans

Exception: In those areas where the provider does not offer speeds at or above 10/1 download/upload, they must provide the highest performing, generally available home internet plans, which must be at least 4/1 download/upload.

Changing Companies

If you decide to apply your monthly Lifeline discount to either home internet service or a data plan for your cell phone, you must remain with the company that provides your service for at least 12 months. After that, you are free to switch to a different company. If you move to a different state or to an area where your company does not offer service, let your company know. They will guide you through the process of changing companies.

If you sign up for new home or cell phone voice service, you need to stay with your company for at least 2 months. If you choose to apply your discount to a bundle, ask the company which change policy applies.



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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:

- 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.





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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Middle (optional)	Suffix (optional)
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What is your phone number (if you have one)?	What is your date of birth?
What is your email address (if you have one)?	Month Day Year
What are the last 4 numbers of your Social Security N	
What is the best way to reach you?	
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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.

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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	l legal na	ıme?												
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What is their dat	e of birt	h?												
Month Day		Year												
What are the last 4 numbers of their Social Security Number (SSN)?														
If they do not have a S	SSN, what is	their Tribal	Identifi	cation Nu	umber	?						1		





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:

Janhbiei	mental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps)
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oal Specifi	ic 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? (only check yes or no next to your household size)								
	All 48 States & DC (not Alaska and Hawaii)	Alaska	Hawaii						
1	\$17,226	\$21,533	\$19,818	Yes	No				
_ 2	\$23,274	\$29,093	\$26,771	Yes	No				
3	\$29,322	\$36,653	\$33,723	Yes	No				
4	\$35,370	\$44,213	\$40,676	Yes	No				
5	\$41,418	\$51,773	\$47,628	Yes	No				
6	\$47,466	\$59,333	\$54,581	Yes	No				
7	\$53,514	\$66,893	\$61,533	Yes	No				
8	\$59,562	\$74,453	\$68,486	Yes	No				
If more than 8, add this amount for each extra person:	Add \$6,048	Add \$7,560	Add \$6,953	Yes	No				
135% of the 2020 Federal Poverty Guide *The Federal Poverty Guidelines are typica		nuary.							



I (or my dependent or other person in my household) currently get benefits from the government



4. Agreement

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

You must initial next to each statement.

Signa	ture	То	day's Date
Initial	I was truthful about whether or not I am a resident of Tribal form.	ands	as defined in section 2 of this
Initial	My service provider may have to check whether I still qualify (renew) my Lifeline benefit, I understand that I have to responsive from the Lifeline Program and my Lifeline benefit where the control is the control of	nd by	the deadline or I will be
Initial	I know that willingly giving false or fraudulent information to punishable by law and can result in fines, jail time, de-enrolln program.		
Initial	All the answers and agreements that I provided on this form my knowledge.	are tı	rue and correct to the best of
Initial	I agree that my service provider can give the Lifeline Program am giving on this form. I understand that this information is mand that if I do not let them give it to the Administrator, I will r	neant	to help run the Lifeline Program
Initial	I know that my household can only get one Lifeline benefit a household is not getting more than one Lifeline benefit.	nd, to	the best of my knowledge, my
initiat	 I, or the person in my household that qualifies, do not program or income anymore. Either I or someone in my household gets more than o than one Lifeline broadband internet service, more than both Lifeline telephone and Lifeline broadband internet. 	ne Lif in one	eline benefit (including, more Lifeline telephone service, or
Initial	I understand that I have to tell my service provider within 30 c anymore, including:		
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Initial	program(s) listed on this form or my annual household inco Poverty Guidelines (the amount listed in the Federal Poverty		

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.





5. Agent Information

Answer only if a sales person submits this form.

What is the agent's full legal name?		
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What is the agent's ID number?	What is the agent's date	of birth?
	Month Day	Year





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.