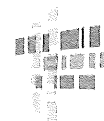


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## 1. About Lifeline

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

If the Lifeline Program Administrator is not able to prove you or someone in your household qualify using this form and electronic databases, you may need to show an official document from one of the government qualifying programs or to prove your annual income. You can submit copies of your official documents with this application or wait until the Lifeline Program Administrator asks you for them. To add them now, 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 programs you are qualifying through (your SNAP card, Medicaid card, etc.)
2. If you qualify through your income: copies of your state ID card and pay stubs for 3 consecutive months (or other accepted documents).

Visit [lifelinesupport.org](http://lifelinesupport.org) to see the full list of accepted documents.

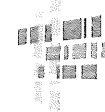
### Apply

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

Bring or mail the form to this address:

**USAC**  
**Lifeline Support Center**  
**P.O. Box 7081**  
**London, KY 40742**

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## 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.

[Grid for First Name]

First

[Grid for Middle Name] [Grid for Suffix]

Middle (optional)

Suffix (optional)

[Grid for Last Name]

Last

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

[Grid for Phone Number]

What is your date of birth?

[Grid for Date of Birth]

Month

Day

Year

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

[Grid for Email Address]

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

[Grid for SSN]

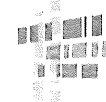
If you do not have a SSN, what is your Tribal Identification Number?

[Grid for Tribal ID Number]

What is the best way to reach you?

- email    phone    text message    mail

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## 2. Your Information (continued)

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.

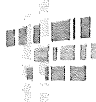
City

State

Zip Code

\*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 legal name?

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First

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Middle (optional)

Suffix (optional)

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Last

What is their date of birth?

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Month

Day

Year

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

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

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## 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)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- If more than 8, add this amount for each extra person:

Is your income the same or less than the amount listed for your state and household size?

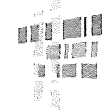
(only check yes or no next to your household size)

	All 48 States & DC (not Alaska and Hawaii)	Alaska	Hawaii		
	\$17,226	\$21,533	\$19,818	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	\$23,274	\$29,093	\$26,771	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	\$29,322	\$36,653	\$33,723	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	\$35,370	\$44,213	\$40,676	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	\$41,418	\$51,773	\$47,628	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	\$47,466	\$59,333	\$54,581	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	\$53,514	\$66,893	\$61,533	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	\$59,562	\$74,453	\$68,486	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Add \$6,048	Add \$7,560	Add \$6,953	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

135% of the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines

\*The Federal Poverty Guidelines are typically updated at the end of January.

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## 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:  
Initial

- 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

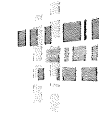
I consent to let USAC contact me at my Lifeline phone number for important reminders and updates to my Lifeline service. Message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to end messages.

Signature

Today's Date



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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](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov). Please DO NOT SEND COMPLETED DATA COLLECTION FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

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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.



# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota

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County of Brule

Debi Ruiz of said county, being first duly sworn, on oath, says: That she is the publisher of *Central Dakota Times*, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Chamberlain, in said County of Brule and State of South Dakota; that she has full and personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper as defined in SDCL 17-2-2.1 through 17-2-2.4 inclusive; that said newspaper has been published within the said County of Brule and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice and that the

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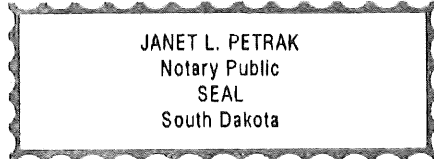
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Signed: Debi Ruiz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019.

Janet L. Petrak  
Notary Public In and For The County of Brule,  
South Dakota



My commission expires June 5, 2022.

## Low Income Assistance Available To Telephone and Broadband Subscribers

Midstate Communications is authorized to offer Lifeline assistance to our customers.

The Lifeline Universal Service Program is a government supported program available to qualified, low-income consumers and offers a discount for eligible telephone and bundled Internet service meeting the minimum standards.

If you are an existing telephone service subscriber receiving the monthly Lifeline discount, you can continue to apply that discount to your home phone voice service. Effective December of 2019, Lifeline discount amount available for voice only services will begin to decrease. If, however, the Lifeline support provided is applied to a bundled service package which includes not only telephone voice service but also Internet service, you can avoid these discount decreases and continue receiving the maximum discount, currently \$9.25.

Moving your monthly Lifeline discount so that it also applies to your current bundled service which includes both voice telephone service and Internet service, will generally require that you agree to not transfer your Lifeline benefit to another provider for twelve months. There are certain exceptions to this requirement.

### Tribal Lifeline/Link-Up

The Tribal Lifeline program provides a reduction in monthly charges to telephone or bundled Internet service to customers who live on tribal lands and are currently receiving benefits from a qualifying public assistance program. Eligible subscribers may be eligible for additional discounts up to \$25.

The Tribal Link-Up program provides a reduction in connection charges to telephone customers who live on tribal lands and are currently receiving benefits from a qualifying assistance program.

### 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
- Supplemental Security Income
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veteran's Pension and Survivors Benefit Program
- Income Below the Federal Poverty Guidelines

If residing on tribal lands, the following eligibility criteria is also available to be utilized:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance For Needy Families
- Food Distribution On Indian Reservations
- Head Start



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