

Affordable Connectivity Program Helping Households Connect

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FACT SHEET



In 2021, the National Urban League released the Lewis Latimer Plan for Digital Equity and Inclusion which is a national framework for closing the digital divide. In this plan, NUL addressed the importance of establishing a long-term affordability program to help millions of households get the critical connectivity they need to access healthcare, work, and education through high-speed internet. Congress answered this call with a \$14.2 billion for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides:



Up to **\$30/month** discount for broadband service



A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who is Eligible?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the <u>Federal Poverty Guidelines</u>, <u>or</u> if a member of the household meets at least <u>one</u> of the criteria below:

- ✓ Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline
- ✓ Participates in the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision
- ✓ Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- ✓ Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income internet program
- ✓ For additional information about eligibility, visit nul.org/nulconnected

Check out <u>www.fcc.gov/ACP</u> for a **Consumer FAQ** and other program resources.

Two-Steps to Enroll



Go to <u>GetInternet.gov</u> or <u>ACPBenefit.org</u> to submit an application or print out a mail-in application



Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.