

#### **Tribal Assistance Programs**



If you live on qualifying Tribal lands, you are eligible for the ACP if your household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if you (or someone in your household) participate in:

- Any of the federal assistance programs listed above
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Head Start (only households meeting the income qualifying standard)
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

You have to show proof of participation, like a benefit letter or official document from you schools Federal Program Administrator, when you apply for the ACP. Learn more about the <u>Tribal Benefit</u>.



# **Enhanced Tribal Benefit**



Households who qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and are located on qualifying Tribal lands can receive:

- Up to a \$75/month discount on your internet service, and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50).

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. Program rules acknowledge there may be more than one eligible household residing at the same address.



## Do I Qualify for the Enhanced Tribal Benefit?

Your household can receive the enhanced benefit if:

- 1. Your household is located on qualifying Tribal lands, AND
- 2. Your household income is **at or below 200%** of the **Federal Poverty Guidelines** OR any member of your household:
  - Participates in any Lifeline Program, or
  - Participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or
  - Participates in one of several **Tribal Specific Programs**:
    - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance,
    - Tribal Head Start (only households meeting the relevant income qualifying standard),
    - Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF), or
    - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations,

- Receives Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) assistance, or
- Received a federal Pell Grant in the current award year,
  or
- Received approval for benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, in the 2019-20, 2020-21, or 2021-22 school year, or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating company's existing low-income program, and that provider received FCC approval for its eligibility verification process.

**Note:** If you already participate in the Lifeline program, you are automatically qualified for the ACP, and you do not need to apply and prove your eligibility a second time. Talk to your **School's Federal Program Administrator** about how to receive ACP discounts and even Funding Opportunities. If you qualify for both programs, you can choose to receive the Lifeline benefit from one Non-profit or Governmental Agency and the ACP benefit from a different Non-profit or Governmental Agency.



## Are you ready to get started with the Affordable Community Program?

You can download the Form which is including in this **ACP Guide** or even Email your Forms to your School's Federal Program Administrator. Ask your **Guidance Counselor** for Assistance as needed.



#### What are Qualifying Tribal Lands?

Your School's Location helps to determine whether your address is on Tribal lands. For informational purposes, a nationwide map is available showing Tribal lands eligible for support. The ACP uses the same definition for Tribal lands as the FCC's Lifeline program (as defined in 47 CFR §54.400 (e)). Tribal lands shown on the nationwide map include:

- Any federally recognized Indian tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony,
- Former reservations in Oklahoma,
- Alaska Native regions established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (view maps: 2010 U.S. Census American Indians and Alaska Natives Map – Alaska, State of Alaska ANCSA Boundaries Map),
- · Indian allotments,
- Hawaiian Home Lands (view map: 2010 U.S. Census Hawaiian Homelands), and
- Any land approved as Tribal for the purposes of the Lifeline program or the ACP by the FCC's Office of Native Affairs and Policy and Wireline Competition Bureau.

For additional file formats, visit Lifeline's Tribal Lands page.



### **Tips for Tribal Applicants**

- 1. Remember to Email your **Tribal Qualification and Funding Request** to your **Guidance Counselor**.
- 2. On the Paper Application, check the 'Tribal Lands' box.
- 3. Prove your program Eligibility by having you School's Federal Program Administrator sign your ACP Request For Funding Opportunities or Request To Participate Form or BOTH.
- 4. We do understand that multiple households could reside at the same address. When that occurs all families residing at that location are **100%** qualified and eligible for our program
- 5. Having an official Address is **NOT** a requirement for participation in our ACP Program.
- 6. If you qualify for the ACP but your household is not on qualifying Tribal lands, you can still receive the non-Tribal discount of up to \$30 per month on internet service and the one-time \$100 device discount.

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