

All SDPBC Access for All Comcast Internet Essentials Sponsorships and T-Mobile Hotspots will be permanently deactivated on June
30, 2024. Families in need of internet service should apply for the Affordable Connectivity Program as soon as possible.



What is it?

The **Affordable Connectivity Program** is a program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The benefit provides:

• Up to \$30/month discount for internet service

How can I qualify?

- You, your child, or your dependent are enrolled in government programs like Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Programs, SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), WIC, Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits, Lifeline, or others **OR**
- Based on your household income

How do I sign up?

- 1. Apply for the Affordable Connectivity Program:
 - Go to <u>GetInternet.gov</u> to submit an online application or print out a mail-in application.
 - Instructions to complete the Affordable Connectivity Program application online are available in English and Spanish. Call **1(877) 384-2575** for assistance in other languages or to request to have an application mailed to you.
- 2. Pick an Internet Plan:
 - Once approved, contact your preferred participating internet service provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.
 - Find a participating provider near you.
 - Go to https://cnm.universalservice.org/ to find companies near you OR
 - \circ $\;$ Select an internet service provider that you are already familiar with.

How can I get help with my application?

- Call (877) 384-2575 or email <u>ACPSupport@usac.org</u>.
- Open 7 days a week between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. ET.
- Multilingual Affordable Connectivity Program Support Center is available.

Tips to help pick the right internet plan:

- Ask the provider for plans that are free with the Affordable Connectivity Program. Many providers offer them, but they are not always advertised.
- Ask about hidden costs, like prices that increase over time, installation fees, and equipment fees.
- Consider download speeds of 100mbps or higher if multiple people will be using the internet or you want to stream video.
- Consider upload speeds of 20mbps or higher if you want to use apps like Zoom, FaceTime, and Google Classroom.