

# AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

## *Adoption Toolkit for School Districts*

### RESOURCE: AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

#### DISTRICT NOTES

**How to use this resource:** This resource provides a quick overview of the ACP, its terms, and how to apply.

**Recommendations and best practices:**

- Reference the [ACP Enrollment overview](#) and [Full Enrollment Guide](#) for more information.

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*Accessing ways to help pay for Internet access at home*

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) helps families connect to the Internet from home by providing a monthly benefit of up to \$30 (up to \$75 on qualifying Tribal Lands). The ACP is a long-term \$14 billion program of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The ACP began December 31, 2021, replacing the Emergency Broadband Benefit (a temporary program tied to the pandemic).

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<b>WHAT IS THE BENEFIT?</b>	Up to <b>\$30 per month</b> (\$75 for households on qualifying Tribal lands) One-time \$100 device credit toward the purchase of a connected device, such as a laptop, desktop, or tablet (only with participating providers)
<b>HOW LONG?</b>	Began December 31, 2021 and is a long-term benefit
<b>WHAT SERVICE PLANS?</b>	The consumer can select any internet service plan to apply for the benefit
<b>WHO IS ELIGIBLE?</b>	<p>A household is eligible if a member meets at least one of these <a href="#">criteria</a>:</p> <p><b>Participation in Lifeline</b></p> <p><b>Income Eligibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 200% of the federal poverty guidelines</li></ul> <p><b>Participation in government assistance programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</li><li>• Medicaid</li><li>• Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</li><li>• Federal Public Housing Assistance</li><li>• Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit</li><li>• Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</li></ul> <p>Participation in <b>Free and Reduced Price School Meal program</b>, including through the <b>USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)</b></p> <p>Received a <b>Federal Pell Grant</b> during the current year</p> <p><b>Tribal specific programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance</li><li>• Head Start (only households meeting the income qualifying standard)</li><li>• Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</li><li>• Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations</li></ul>

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### WHAT IDENTIFICATION IS NEEDED TO APPLY?

One of the following:

- SSN
- Driver's License
- Military ID
- Passport
- ITIN
- Other Government ID

### HOW DOES A HOUSEHOLD SIGN UP?

There are three main ways to sign up:

1. Apply online at [ACPBenefit.org](https://www.acpbenefit.org)
2. Mail in an application ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)). Send with docs to:
  - [ACP Support Center, P.O. Box 7081, London, KY 40742](#)
3. Contact a participating broadband provider directly

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

### NEED HELP?

Contact the ACP Support Center of the Universal Service Administrative Co, who administers the ACP on behalf of the FCC via:

**Email:** [ACPSupport@usac.org](mailto:ACPSupport@usac.org)

**Phone:** (877) 384-2575, seven days a week, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET