

# Technology Improving Lives

## Access Free/Low-Cost Internet Through New Federal Program

(NAPS)—A fast, reliable Internet connection has become a critical part of our daily lives. From remote learning and working to networking and searching for jobs, Americans everywhere felt an online shift during COVID-19.

And, while the country gradually recovers from the pandemic, the collective need to stay connected remains stronger than ever.



### **Rural, low-income and tribal communities can stay connected for less with the Affordable Connectivity Program.**

#### Enter the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

ACP extends and makes permanent the Internet subsidy for families in need that began under the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. Falling under the \$1.2T bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the ACP is part of a \$65 billion broadband Internet initiative designed to bring affordable or even free Internet service to families who qualify.

Eligible households can save up to \$30 a month, or up to \$75 if they reside on tribal lands.

So, who qualifies? Here's a glance at the different criteria from the FCC of which one or more is required:

- Household is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline.
- Participates in tribal-specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.
- Participates in the National School Lunch or 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 provider's existing low-income Internet program.

#### Learn More

Visit [fcc.gov/acp](https://fcc.gov/acp) for more details and call 844-844-WIFI (844-844-9434) to find a participating provider nearby.