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Subject: Expanded Eligibility for EBB Program

Good Afternoon,

On September 8, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced that eligibility criteria was expanded for the [Emergency Broadband Benefit Program](#) (EBB) to include households participating in free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast programs for the 2021-2022 school year. Previously, the EBB program specified only the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year enrollment in free and reduced-price lunch or breakfast as eligible school years.

Households participating in the EBB program will receive a discount of up to \$50 per month, or \$75 on Tribal Land, paid directly to the internet service provider on behalf of the household. Only one benefit will be allowed per household. Additionally, households who qualify may be eligible to receive up to \$100 off the purchase of a laptop, desktop, or tablet, if their provider offers this benefit.

Eligible households must meet at least one of the following federal eligibility requirements to receive EBB:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or [Lifeline](#);
- Approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 school year;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating providers' existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Households may apply for EBB in three ways:

1. Contact your [participating broadband provider](#) directly to learn about their application process.
2. Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) to apply online and to find participating providers near you.

3. Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with proof of eligibility to: Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

Contacting a participating provider directly is the preferred application method. Providers will have the most accurate enrollment information for applicants.

For more information, please visit the [Consumer FAQ](#) page for the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

This email will be posted to the [BWF Work Programs Help Desk Home Page](#).

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT



HOME INTERNET ACCESS IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERY STUDENT'S SUCCESS.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides eligible households with up to a **\$50 discount** off their monthly internet bill during the pandemic.

You may qualify if your student received free or reduced school lunch or breakfast during the last school year!

Households with a student approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 school year are eligible.

You can also qualify if a member of your household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

The benefit provides:

- An up to \$50/month discount for broadband services; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

Two-Steps to Enroll

- 1** Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.
- 2** Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

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

LEARN MORE



Call 833-511-0311



Visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)





BENEFICIO DE EMERGENCIA PARA INTERNET (EBB)

EL ACCESO A INTERNET EN EL HOGAR ES IMPORTANTE PARA EL ÉXITO DE TODO ESTUDIANTE.

El Beneficio de Emergencia para Internet (EBB) proporciona a los hogares elegibles un descuento máximo de **\$50 mensuales** en su cuenta de Internet, durante la pandemia.

¡Usted puede ser elegible si su estudiante recibió almuerzos o desayunos escolares gratuitos o a precios reducidos en el último año escolar!

Son elegibles los hogares con estudiantes aprobados para recibir beneficios en la escuela bajo el programa de almuerzo o desayuno gratuito o reducido para los años escolares 2019-2020, 2020-2021 o 2021-2022. También son elegibles los hogares con estudiantes aprobados para recibir la asistencia mencionada en base a la disposición USDA Community Eligibility Provision.

Usted también puede ser elegible si un miembro de su hogar cumple por lo menos con uno de los siguientes requisitos:

- Tiene un ingreso igual o inferior al 135% de las pautas de pobreza del gobierno federal (Federal Poverty Guidelines, en inglés) o participa en ciertos programas de asistencia del gobierno.
- Recibió una beca Federal Pell Grant en el año de becas en curso.
- Experimentó una pérdida sustantiva de ingresos por la pérdida de su trabajo o por haberse visto obligado a tomar permiso sin sueldo desde el 29 de febrero de 2020.
- Cumple con los criterios de elegibilidad exigidos por un programa ya existente COVID-19 para bajos ingresos, de algún proveedor participante.

El programa proporciona:

- Un descuento máximo de \$50 mensuales para un servicio de Internet de banda ancha.
- Un descuento único máximo de \$100 para una computadora portátil o de escritorio o una tableta electrónica, adquiridas mediante un proveedor participante.

Inscripción en dos pasos

- 1** Visite [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) para enviar una solicitud en línea o imprimir un formulario de solicitud por correo postal.
- 2** Contáctese con el proveedor participante de su elección para optar por un plan elegible y pida que el descuento se aplique a su cuenta.

Algunos proveedores podrían pedirle llenar un formulario de solicitud alternativo.

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Llame al 833-511-0311



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