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[INSERT DATELINE] Today, [your entity name] announced it is working to help build consumer awareness about the Emergency Broadband Benefit, a new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program. The temporary benefit will help to lower the cost of broadband service for eligible households during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

The $3.2B Emergency Broadband Benefit program provides a discount of up to a $50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to $75 per month for qualifying households on qualifying Tribal lands. The benefit also provides up to a $100 per household discount toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet if the household contributes more than $10 and less than $50 toward the purchase through a participating broadband provider.

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least *one* of the criteria below:

* Has an income that is at or below 135% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines) or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid or the FCC’s [Lifeline](https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline-consumers) program;
* 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 through job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below $99,000 for single filers and $198,000 for joint filers; or
* Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider’s existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Emergency Broadband Benefit enrollment will begin (opened) on May 12, 2021. Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers) or directly with the [Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)](http://www.getemergencybroadband.org) using an online or mail-in application. Additional information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit is available at [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit), or by calling 833-511-0311 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. any day of the week

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