



## Help Illinois compete for jobs in the new economy!

Illinois' citizens must have the skills to compete. Computer skills are already required for nearly every job. The good, **high-paying jobs** being created now require computer skills even more. Unfortunately, not all of Illinois' citizens have access to a computer at home or at school.

- *Less than one in four minority, low-income families have a computer and Internet access at home.*
- *Many inner city and rural schools can not afford equipment to create needed computer access.*
- *Lack of access to computers is creating a "digital divide" between those who grew up with the new technology and those who didn't.*

**You can help to "bridge" the digital divide!** Please fill out the information below and make a small contribution to help equip Illinois schools, libraries, park districts, and other community technology centers to provide access to computers and training for our youth and other low-income Illinois residents meeting tomorrow's challenges.

### **All donations go to:**

provide computer and Internet access • provide computer skills training • enrich school programs • train teachers • bridge the digital divide

***Please Donate Today!***

Here's how you can contribute.

**Yes, I want to help!** Please bill me monthly for contributions to the **Illinois Digital Divide Elimination Fund** in the amount shown. I understand that I may change or discontinue my donation by giving 30 days advance notice, and that my contribution will not reduce my total amount due for services or any other charges appearing on my bill. *Please complete the information below, sign, and return this form with your next phone bill payment.*

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