

### What is Lifeline?

Lifeline is a federal program that provides assistance with the monthly access line charge or broadband Internet service. Only one Lifeline Program discount (either wireless or landline telephone, home Internet or a cell phone data plan) is allowed per household. The definition of a “household” is anyone living at an address (including children, relatives, people not related to you, etc.) who share income(s) and household expenses.

### Eligibility & Application Process:

If you are enrolled in one of these programs you will qualify for Lifeline assistance:

- Medical (Title XIX/Medicaid)
- SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
- SSI: Supplemental Security Income
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Veteran’s Pension or Survivor’s Pension Benefits

You’ll need to complete a Lifeline Assistance Certification Form & Lifeline Household Worksheet. You will need to attach a copy of program enrollment, such as a notice or letter, an eligibility card, or other official document that shows you or a household member receives benefits from a qualifying assistance program.

If you are not enrolled in a qualifying program, you may be eligible based on your income, if it meets the 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. To apply, you’ll need to complete a Lifeline Assistance Certification Form & Lifeline Household Worksheet, and provide a copy of required documents for income certification.

Number in household	Household income (at or below)	Documents to certify income:
1	\$16,389	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last year’s federal or state income tax return</li> <li>• Current annual income statement from employer</li> <li>• Paycheck stubs for most recent 3 consecutive months</li> <li>• Social Security statement of benefits</li> <li>• Veteran’s Administration statement of benefits</li> <li>• Retirement or pension statement of benefits</li> <li>• Unemployment or worker’s compensation statement of benefits</li> <li>• Federal notice of participation in general assistance</li> <li>• Divorce degree or child support documentation</li> </ul>
2	\$22,221	
3	\$28,053	
4	\$33,885	
5	\$39,717	
6	\$45,549	
7	\$51,381	
8	\$57,213	
*For each additional person add \$5,832		

Current guidelines can be located at: [http://www.universalservice.org/\\_res/documents/li/pdf/handouts/Income\\_Requirements.pdf](http://www.universalservice.org/_res/documents/li/pdf/handouts/Income_Requirements.pdf)

### Annual Recertification:

Mid Century is required to recertify customers annually, and may require timely assistance from customer to maintain eligibility.

### Questions:

Please call Mid Century Telephone Cooperative at 309.778.8611, or visit our office at 285 Mid Century Lane in Fairview, Illinois. Completed forms can be mailed to: Mid Century Telephone Cooperative; PO Box 380; Fairview, IL 61432.