

Apply for the Lifeline Program Online as a Survivor

If you are a survivor of domestic violence, human trafficking, or related crimes, you can apply to get a survivor benefit through the Lifeline program. Lifeline is a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone or internet service.

If your household is eligible, you can get a survivor benefit for up to six months:

- Up to \$9.25/month on phone, internet, or bundled service, or
- Up to \$34.25/month if you live on qualifying Tribal lands.

After six months, you may apply for the standard Lifeline benefit of up to \$9.25/month off internet or bundled services or up to \$5.25/month off phone (voice-only) service.

What to do next

Follow the steps below to apply online as a survivor. This typically takes about 10 minutes to complete. You'll need to provide documentation that verifies your line separation request and may need to provide proof of your eligibility, identity, or home address.

If you have questions during the application process, contact the Lifeline Support Center by email at <u>LifelineSupport@usac.org</u> or call (800) 234-9473 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET.

	Follow these steps to apply online	What the steps look like	
1	Tap or click on the web browser on your mobile device or desktop computer. • Enter LifelineSupport.org in the web address bar and tap Go/Search on your mobile device or Enter on the keyboard. • Then, tap or click Apply Now.	Get Lifeline Support Get Connected to Phone or Internet Service Lifeline is a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone or internet service. Apply Now Recertify	
2	Tap or click how to qualify as a survivor to start your application.	Are you a survivor of domestic violence or human trafficking? We provide additional safeguards to protect your information during the application process. Learn more about how to qualify as a survivor.	

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3	Read about the Safe Connections Act and learn what to expect applying for Lifeline benefits as a survivor. • Tap or click Yes to confirm you want to apply as a survivor and can provide documentation verifying your line separation request. • If you don't have proof of your line separation request, you can continue to apply for Lifeline and reapply as a survivor once you receive the email, text message, or letter from your phone company. • Tap or click Continue .	Apply as a Survivor The Safe Connections Act of 2022 for qualifying survivors ① What to expect as a survivor: You will be able to select how you want us to reach out to you - either by mail or email. To avoid an abuser seeing your data, we will not send communications that reveal critical information such as your address. You will need to provide documentation verifying your line separation request. ② Only a limited group of designated personnel will have access to your information. The survivor benefit period lasts for 6 months if you qualify. Would you like to apply under this survivor status? Yes, I'm a survivor and can provide official line separation request documentation. No, I do not want to apply as a survivor and would like to continue with my application under the Lifeline program's typical requirements.	
4	Fill out your first and last name as it appears on your official documents, like a Social Security Card or State ID.	What is your full legal name? The name you use on official documents, like your Social Security Card or State ID. Not a nickname. First Name Middle Name (Optional) Last Name(s) If you have multiple last names put them all into the box below.	
5	 Fill out your date of birth. Enter the month. Enter the day. Enter the year. 	What is your date of birth? Month Day Year MM DD YYYY	



6	 Do you want us to check your identity with the last four digits of your Social Security Number? If yes, enter the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If no, select the Number on Tribal ID option and enter your Tribal identification number. 	How do you want us to We'll use this information to see if your credit status. Social Security Number This is the fastest option if you Enter last 4 digits of your SSN XXX - XX - This is required if you're applyi Number on Tribal ID Look for this number on your of	vu're eligible. It won (SSN) know the last 4 digi	it affect your
7	 Fill out your home address. This cannot be a PO Box. This can be an address from the last 6 months. It does not have to be your current address. 	What is your home add The address where you will get servi able to add a mailing address later. Street Number and Name 123 Street Road City Your City or Town	ce. Do not use a P.O	Apt, Unit, etc. Zip Code
8	Do you qualify for Lifeline through a child or dependent? • If no, tap or click Next. • Go to step 9 to continue. • If yes, tap or click Yes, then select Next. • Go to step 8a if you qualify through a child or dependent.	Do you qualify for Lifeline dependent? If you do not qualify on your own, your child or dependent if they par programs. No, I qualify by myself. Yes, I qualify through my child	you can sign up for rticipate in any of th	Lifeline through



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8a	Fill out your child or dependent's information. You'll need to: Fill out their first and last name. Fill out their date of birth. Verify their identity by using the last four digits of their Social Security Number or a Tribal ID number. Tap or click Next. Go to step 9 to continue.	What is their full legal name? The name you use on official documents, like your Social Security Card or State ID. Not a nickname. First Name Middle Name (Optional) Last Name(s) If they have multiple last names put them all into the box below. What is their date of birth? Month Day Year MM DD YYYY How do you want us to check their identity? We'll use this information to see if they're eligible. It won't affect their credit status. Social Security Number (SSN) This is the fastest option if you know the last 4 digits of their SSN. Enter last 4 digits of their SSN XXX - XX - Number on Tribal ID Look for this number on their card or documentation.
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9	 Create an account to save your information and continue your application. Enter a username. It can be an email address or a unique ID. Enter a password that is a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols. Type the same password again. 	Choose your username. Choose something you can easily remember like your email address or your name in some form. Save this information somewhere secure because you will need to use it again. Username



10	Tell us your preferred way to be contacted. • Tap or click Email , Mail , Phone or	Choose your password. Make sure it is something you can remember. Save this information somewhere secure because you will need to use it again. Password Requirements 1 At least 8 characters long 1 At least 1 capital letter 2 Show Password Confirm Password Type the same password again. Show Password Type the same password again. Show Password Show Password Type the same password again.
	Text. Notifications about your application will go to the option you select.	We will send you information about your Lifeline application and benefits to the location you select. Email Mail Phone Text
11	 Fill out your contact information. Enter your email address. Enter your phone number (optional). Tap or click the checkbox to enter a mailing address if different from your home address. This can be a PO Box. 	Your Contact Information What is your email address? We will use your email to send you important reminders and information about your application and enrollment. example@email.com I want to provide an alternate email. What is your phone number? (Optional) (()) - By providing a phone number, you consent to letting USAC contact you at that phone number via artificial or prerecorded voice message or text for important reminders and updates about your Lifeline or ACP benefit. For text messages, message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to end messages. Do you want to provide a mailing address? Yes, my mailing address is different than home address

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12	Tell us your preferred language (optional). • Tap or click English , Spanish , or Both .	What is your preferred language? (Optional) We will send you outreach about the status of your application in the language(s) you select. English Español Both
13	 Review the terms and conditions. Tap or click the checkbox to confirm you accept. Tap or click Submit. 	Terms & Conditions By checking this box, I accept the terms and conditions of the National Verifier system. Back Submit
14	Tap or click Start Lifeline Application to continue filling out your application.	My Applications Here are all your applications from the last 180 days. You can start a new application when your last one expires. Return to Application Start Lifeline Application
15	 Tell us how you qualify. Tap or click the checkbox next to all that apply. Tap or click Next. 	Confirm your program participation Which of the following programs do you participate in? Check all that apply. SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Food Stamps (1) Medicaid Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Federal Housing Assistance (2) Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs Tribal Specific Program (only choose if you live on Tribal lands) FEMA's Individuals and Households Program (IHP) (2) Idon't think I participate in any of these programs, show me more programs available to me as a survivor. Idon't think I participate in any of these programs, I may qualify through my income. Idon't participate in any of these, but I have a child or dependent who may. (2)

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16	 If you need to correct your information, tap or click Edit and make any updates. Review the consent statement and tap or click the checkbox to confirm we can use your information to check if you are eligible. Tap or click Submit. 	Review Your Information Before we check if you qualify for Lifeline, make sure your information is right. Double check the information below. Full Legal Name: Test John Date of Birth: January 01, 1980 Last 4 Numbers of SSN: 3333
	o It may take a few minutes to check your information.	The information you gave us will be used to check if you qualify for Lifeline. Please confirm that it is okay. By checking this box you are consenting that all of the information you are providing may be collected, used, shared, and retained for the purposes of applying for and/or receiving Lifeline. Back Submit
17	You'll find out right away what additional information we need you to share. • Tap or click Next and go to the Show You Qualify section.	We need more information to see if you qualify A few things happened: We couldn't confirm your eligibility; please attach a photo of a document that shows you (or your child or dependent) participate in a government assistance program or your income. We couldn't confirm your eligibility; please attach a photo of a document that shows confirmation of your line separation request. What to do next You need to provide additional information in order to qualify for the Lifeline program.



Show you qualify

This section shows what you'll need to do to share proof of your line separation request and if we ask for proof of your eligibility, identity, or address. For more information, review our Acceptable Documentation Guide (available in English and Spanish).

What to do if you need to show us What the steps look like Proof of your address Find your address on the map below You may be asked to confirm your address by locating where you live on the map. We couldn't find your address, please show us where you live on the map. Show us where you live. How to find your address on the map Tap or click on the map to move the pin to your address, or use the (+) button to zoom Tap or click on the pin once you have found your address on the map. Tap or click **Next**. Proof of your household Confirm your household You may be asked to confirm if your household Someone at your address already receives the Lifeline benefit. You qualifies for the Lifeline benefit. may still qualify. We need to ask a few more questions to better understand your household. Only one monthly benefit is allowed per household. Do you share money (income and expenses) with another adult who gets Lifeline? ① A household is a group of people who live together and share money, even if they are not related to each other. You have until April 7, 2025 to complete this selection. If you do not complete it by this date, you will Answer the questions. Back Tap or click **Next**.



Proof of your Social Security Number

You may be asked to share a document to confirm your Social Security Number.

- Share a document that includes:
 - 1. Your first and last name,
 - 2. The last four digits of your Social Security Number.
- Tap or click Take a photo or Choose a file to attach a photo or copy of the document.
- Tap or click **Next**.

Share proof of your Social Security number (SSN) Your document must include: Your first and last name: Test John

Here are common examples:

The last four digits of your Social Security number

A Social Security Card

xxx-xx-3333

- A Social Security Benefit Statement (SSA-1099)
- A W-2 from the last 2 years
- A prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return

How to add your photo or scanned copy

Please attach a picture or scanned copy of your document. Files must be less than 10 MB and one of the following file types: jpg, jpeg, png, pdf, or gif.

- Make sure your image is not blurry
- Make sure your document is not cut off and we can see all four sides
- Make sure you have good lighting

Choose a file

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Proof of your Tribal ID Number

You may be asked to share a document to confirm your Tribal ID number.

- Share a document that includes:
 - 1. Your first and last name,
 - 2. Your Tribal ID number.
- Tap or click **Take a photo** or **Choose a file** to attach a photo or copy of the document.
- Tap or click **Next**.

Share proof of your Tribal ID Number

Your document must include:

Your first and last

Test John

Your Tribal ID Number

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Here are common examples:

- A Tribal ID card
- An official certificate or letter from your tribe's enrollment office
- A Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)

Common mistakes

 Some CDIB cards do not include the required information. If yours does not, then it will not be accepted.

How to add your photo or scanned copy

Please attach a picture or scanned copy of your document. Files must be less than 10 MB and one of the following file types: jpg, jpeg, png, pdf, or gif.

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Proof of your date of birth

You may be asked to share a document to confirm your date of birth.

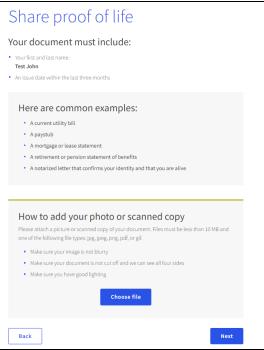
- Share a document that includes:
 - 1. Your first and last name,
 - 2. Your date of birth.
- Tap or click **Take a photo** or **Choose a file** to attach a photo or copy of the document.
- Tap or click **Next**.

Share proof of your date of birth Your document must include: Test John 1/01/1980 Here are common examples: A Driver's license that is not expired · A Passport that is not expired A birth certificate and is not expired A Certificate of Naturalization, Certificate of U.S. Citizenship, or Consular Matricular ID How to add your photo or scanned copy Please attach a picture or scanned copy of your document. Files must be less than 10 MB and one of the following file types: jpg, jpeg, png, pdf, or gif. Make sure your image is not blurry Make sure your document is not cut off and we can see all four sides Make sure you have good lighting Choose a file

Proof that you are alive

You may be asked to share a document to confirm you are alive.

- Share a document that includes:
 - 1. Your first and last name,
 - 2. An issue date within the last three months.
- Tap or click **Take a photo** or **Choose a file** to attach a photo or copy of the document.
- Tap or click **Next**.





You will have until 9/27/2024 to provide more documents so we can determine whether you

Proof of your eligibility Share more information to see if you qualify You may be asked to share documents that confirm With your help, we can confirm you qualify in a few more steps. your eligibility (such as your income or participation in a government program). Do you have a document that shows your income? Yes. I have a document such as pay stubs, last year's tax return, or a social securi Choose how you qualify. No. But I have a document that shows I (or my child or dependent) participal program such as SNAP or Medicaid. Tap or click Next. Proof of your income Share more information to see if you qualify based on income To show proof of your income, you'll: You may qualify if your annual income meets certain requirements. Tell us how many people live in your household. How many people live in your household? Confirm if your annual income is at or below the amount shown. Is your annual income at or below \$20,331? 1 Share a document that includes: No. But I have a document that shows I (or my child or dependent) participate in a 1. Your name or your dependent's program such as SNAP or Medicaid. name, 2. Your annual income, 3. An issue date within the last 12 months. Proof of your program participation Share proof of your program participation To show proof of your program participation, you'll: Which program do you, your child or dependent take Tell us which program you participate in. You must provide proof of participation for the program you choose Share a document that includes: SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Food Stamps (?) 1. Your name or your dependent's name, Federal Housing Assistance ? Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs 2. The name of the program, Tribal Specific Program (only choose if you live on Tribal lands) 3. The name of the government, Tribal I don't think I (or my child or dependent) participate in any of these programs. Show me more programs available to **survivors**. entity, or program administrator that I don't think I (or my child or dependent) participate in any of these programs but I may qualify through my **income**. issued the document, 4. An issue date within the last 12

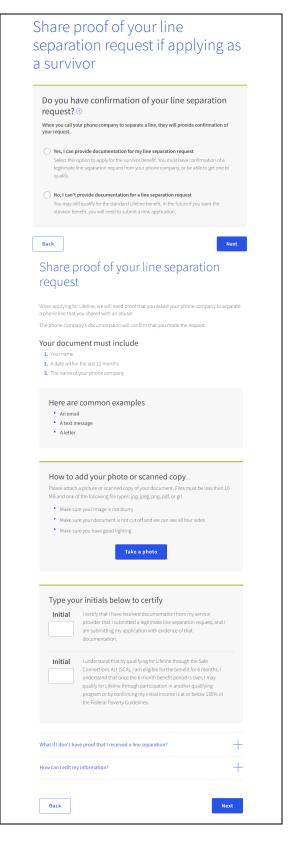
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months or expiration date in the



Proof of your line separation request To show **proof of your line separation request**,

- Tap or click **Yes** to confirm that you have documentation for your line separation request.
- Tap or click **Next**.
- Share a document that includes:
 - Your first and last name,
 - An issue date within the last 12 months,
 - o The name of your phone company.
- Tap or click Take a photo or Choose a file to attach a photo or copy of the document.
- Read each statement and enter your initials.
- Tap or click **Next**.





The final step is to certify and sign the application I agree, under penalty of perjury, to the following form. benefits from the government program(s) listed on this form or my annual household income is 135% or less than the Federal Poverty Read each statement and enter your initials. Enter your first and last name. Lagree that if I move I will give my service provider my new address Initial Tap or click the checkbox to confirm you understand this is a digital signature. not qualify for Lifeline anymore, including: Tap or click Submit. 1. I, or the person in my household that qualifies, do not qualify through a government program or income anymore 2. Either I or someone in my household gets more than one Lifeline benefit (including, more than one Lifeline broadband internet service, more than one Lifeline telephone service, or both Lifeline telephone and Lifeline broadband internet services I know that my household can only get one Lifeline benefit and, to the Lagree that all of the information Lprovide on this form may be collected, used, shared, and retained for the purposes of applying for and /or receiving the Lifeline Program benefit. I understand that if this information is not provided to the Lifeline Program Administrat not be able to get Lifeline benefits. If the laws of my state or Tribal government require it, I agree that the state or Tribal government may share information about my benefits for a qualifying program with the Lifeline Program Administrator. The information shared by the state or Tribal government will be used only to help find out if I can get a Lifeline All the answers and agreements that I provided on this form are true $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right$ I know that willingly giving false or fraudulent information to get Lifeline Program benefits is punishable by law and can result in fines, If I need to recertify my Lifeline benefit, I understand that I have to **respond by the deadline** or I will be removed from the Lifeline Prog and my Lifeline benefit will stop. If I am seeking to qualify for Lifeline as an eligible resident of Tribal lands, I live on Tribal lands, as defined in 54.400(e) of the Lifeline rules. ② Your Signature Type your full legal name below I understand this is a digital signature, and is the same as if I signed my name with a We are reviewing your You have submitted your application! documents We'll contact you (by email or mail) when our review is complete with instructions on what to do next. We'll email you when our review is complete. You can check the status of your application at any time



Once your application is approved, your next step is to:

- Contact a participating phone or internet company to get your survivor benefit.
- Sign up by the deadline or you'll need to reapply.

