

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE FOR
SATCO TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS AND SERVICES
YOU MAY QUALIFY, APPLY NOW

EVERY PERSON IN AMERICA SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE. THIS PRINCIPLE OF “UNIVERSAL SERVICE” HAS BEEN THE GOAL OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY FOR DECADES. IN 1934, CONGRESS MADE THE GOAL A LAW AND REAFFIRMED IT IN 1996 BY ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR THE “PRESERVATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE.”

TO ACHIEVE THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE GOAL, TELEPHONE COMPANIES HAVE ACCESS TO A FUND THAT IS GENERATED BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS IN THE UNITED STATES. TELEPHONE COMPANIES DRAW FROM THE FUND TO PROVIDE TWO PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES NATIONWIDE: LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIFELINE) AND LINK-UP AMERICA (LINK-UP) ARE PART OF THE FUND’S LOW-INCOME PROGRAM AND ARE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL BELOW.

LIFELINE AND LINK-UP SUPPORT PROVIDE DISCOUNTS TO ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS TO HELP THEM ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN TELEPHONE SERVICE.

WHAT TYPE OF DISCOUNT IS AVAILABLE?

LINK-UP REDUCES THE COST OF INITIATION (STARTING) NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE. ELIGIBLE CONSUMERS CAN RECEIVE A 50% DISCOUNT OFF ONE-TIME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INITIATING TELEPHONE SERVICE, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$30.00.

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers will receive a **\$7.25** discount off their normal monthly local service charge. Lifeline service is limited to one line per household at the customer’s primary residence.

HOW DO I KNOW WHETHER I AM ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility for Lifeline and Link-up support depends on eligibility. Individuals are eligible if he or she participates (or the household) in one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps/SNAO
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension & Survivors Benefits Programs

In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines:

Persons in a Family unit 1 \$16,862

Persons in a Family unit 2 \$22,892

Persons in a Family unit 3 \$28,796

Persons in a Family unit 4 \$34,763

For each additional person add \$5,967

How Do I apply for lifeline and Link up Service and receive the discounts?

Visit SATCO, 403 West Main St, Hampton, AR 71744, or call 870-798-2201.