

THE MICHIGAN ENHANCED TRIBAL LIFELINE AND LINK-UP AMERICA PROGRAM  
(Managed by Lifeline Administration Service)  
1-866-321-2323  
Universal Service Discounts for Low Income Consumers

**WHAT IS ENHANCED TRIBAL LIFELINE?**

- The Enhanced Tribal Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program attempts to make telephone service more affordable for low-income households throughout Michigan.
- The Enhanced Tribal Lifeline Service is a residential basic local exchange service offering available only to qualifying low-income consumers for which the consumers pay reduced charges, and applicants may be eligible for additional discounts.

**BENEFITS**

- There are three primary benefits available to qualifying consumers:
  - Reduced Charges-There is a monthly discount in local telephone service charges. Low-income consumers on tribal lands may receive up to \$25.00 per month in additional discounts, to bring basic monthly rates on tribal lands down to \$1.00 per month in most cases.
  - Option to Elect Toll Blocking in Lieu of a Service Deposit- This is an option to block out-going long distance service, free of charge. If the qualifying low-income consumer voluntarily elects toll blocking, the telephone company will not collect a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Service.
  - Reduction in Local Telephone Line Installation Service Charges-In addition to the maximum \$30.00 Link-Up discount available to all qualifying low-income consumers, an additional reduction of up to \$70.00 is available for low-income consumers living on tribal lands. The additional \$70.00 covers 100% of the charges between \$60.00 and \$130.00 for commencing service at the subscriber's principal place of residence.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- The Enhanced Tribal Lifeline Service is available to certain low-income consumers whose household income does not exceed 150% of federal poverty standards.
- Alternatively, applicants may be eligible if they are a resident of a federally recognized reservation and participate in one of the following programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance Programs, Tribally Administered TANF, Head Start Programs (if you satisfy the income qualifying standards), or the National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program.
- The maximum income amount varies depending on the number of people in the household.

**2007 INCOME GUIDELINES**

# of Household Members	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Annual Income*
1	\$1,276	\$15,315
2	\$1,711	\$20,535
3	\$2,146	\$25,755
4	\$2,581	\$30,975
5	\$3,016	\$36,195
6	\$3,451	\$41,415
7	\$3,886	\$46,635
8	\$4,321	\$51,855

\*Add \$5,220 for each additional household member.

For more information, please call 1-866-321-2323.

**Lifeline Administration Service processes applications on behalf of the following telephone companies.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ace Telephone Company of Michigan</li> <li>Allendale Telephone Company</li> <li>Baraga Telephone Company</li> <li>Barry County Telephone Company</li> <li>Blanchard Telephone Association, Inc.</li> <li>Bloomington Telephone Company</li> <li>Carr Telephone Company</li> <li>CenturyTel of Michigan</li> <li>CenturyTel of Midwest Michigan, Inc.</li> <li>CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc.</li> <li>CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc.</li> <li>Chapin Telephone Company</li> <li>Chatham Telephone Company</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chippewa County Telephone Company</li> <li>Climax Telephone Company</li> <li>Communications Corporation of Michigan</li> <li>Deerfield Farmers Telephone Company</li> <li>Drenthe Telephone Company</li> <li>Frontier Communications of Michigan</li> <li>Hiawatha Telephone Company</li> <li>Island Telephone Company</li> <li>Kaleva Telephone Company</li> <li>Lennon Telephone Company</li> <li>Midway Telephone Company</li> <li>Ogden Telephone Company</li> <li>Ontonagon County Telephone Company</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peninsula Telephone Company</li> <li>Pigeon Telephone Company</li> <li>Sand Creek Telephone Company</li> <li>Shiawassee Telephone Company</li> <li>Springport Telephone Company</li> <li>Thumb Cellular</li> <li>Upper Peninsula Telephone Company</li> <li>Waldron Telephone Company</li> <li>Westphalia Telephone Company</li> <li>Winn Telephone Company</li> <li>Wolverine Telephone Company</li> </ul> |
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- We do not process applications for AT&T or Verizon.
- To contact AT&T, please call 1-800-621-8650.
- To contact Verizon, please call 1-800-483-4000.