

# Union Gap School District No. 2

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The FCC has announced that consumers can begin applying for and enrolling in the [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#) Program on May 12, 2021. The program will end when the fund runs out of money, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner.

## What is the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program?

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) program](#) that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. If your household is [eligible](#), you can receive:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services paid directly to the provider;
- Up to \$75/month discount for broadband services paid directly to the provider for households on Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a [participating provider](#).
- The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per eligible household.

## Who Is Eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit?

A household is eligible if **one member** of the household:

- Qualifies for the [Lifeline](#) program, including those who are on Medicaid or receive SNAP benefits;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, or did so in the 2019-2020 school year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020, and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

## What Broadband Providers Will Be Offering the Emergency Broadband Benefit?

- Contact information for the [providers participating in the program](#) is posted on USAC's website