



## South Carolina Lifeline Application Instructions

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### Application for Lifeline

- Lifeline is a federal benefit and willfully making false statements to obtain the benefit can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment or being barred from the program
- Only one Lifeline service is available per household
- A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses
- A household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers
- Violation of the one-per-household limitation constitutes a violation of the Federal Communications Commission’s (or “FCC”) rules and will result in the subscriber’s de-enrollment from the program
- Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit and the subscriber may not transfer his or her benefit to any other person.

### How to apply: four steps

1. Choose whether you will apply because you participate in a qualifying program or because your total household income falls within the guidelines.
2. Fill out the attached form. You must indicate your service address as well as your billing address (if not the same as your service address), as well as the last four digits of your SSN, your date of birth.
3. If mailing, you must provide photocopies of either the program or income documents. In person, you may provide photocopies or originals of either the program or income documents.
4. You must sign the bottom of the application indicating that you are complying with the Lifeline benefit rules.

### Qualifying Methods

You may qualify for Lifeline either because you participate in one of the following programs or because your income is within the following guidelines. **NOTE: You may receive Social Security and Medicare benefits, but to qualify for Lifeline, you must receive benefits from one of the following programs or your income must fall within the guidelines.**

You MUST send photocopies of any qualifying documentation. NOTE: SEND PHOTOCOPIES ONLY; WE WILL NOT RETURN ANY DOCUMENTATION.

### Program Eligibility

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Federal Public Housing/Section 8
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Program

Documentation includes a photocopy of a card or an award letter.

### 2017 Income Eligibility

Annual Income 135% Thresholds Based on Household Size								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	For each add'l person
\$16,281	21,924	27,567	33,210	38,853	44,496	50,139	55,782	+ \$5,643/person

Documentation needed to qualify for Lifeline through income is noted on next page.

When completed, mail or fax form and documentation to:



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Sandhill Telephone, PO Box 519, Jefferson SC 29718
Fax to 1-843-658-7700

Billing Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary(required): Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer's Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer's Date of Birth xx/xx/xxxx: \_\_\_\_\_

Benefit Qualifying Person (If different from above)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth xx/xx/xxxx: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose 1 OR 2 [ ] \$12.75 Telephone Credit [ ] \$9.25 Broadband Credit

1. I certify that I participate in at least one of the following programs (check all that apply) and I am providing a photocopy of a document that demonstrates my participation in one of these programs. NOTE: SEND PHOTOCOPIES ONLY; WE WILL NOT RETURN ANY DOCUMENTATION.

Table with 2 columns and 4 rows of benefit programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Program, Income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guideline.

2. I certify that my total household income falls within the guidelines listed on Page 1 and I also certify that this is how many people live in my household (required): Adults \_\_\_ Children \_\_\_.

I am providing a photocopy of the following qualifying documents:

Table with 2 columns and 6 rows of qualifying documents: Prior year's state or federal tax return, Current income statement from an employer, Paycheck stubs for most recent 3 months, Social Security statement of benefits, Child Support document, Divorce decree, Retirement / pension statement of benefits, Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits, Federal notice letter of participation in General Assistance, Veterans Administration Statement of Benefits, Other official document containing income information.



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**I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:**

1. I meet the income-based or program-based eligibility criteria for receiving Lifeline, shown above.
2. I will notify the carrier within 30 days if for any reason I no longer satisfy the criteria for receiving Lifeline including, as relevant, if I no longer meet the income-based or program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline support, I am receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, or another member of my household is receiving a Lifeline benefit.
3. If I move to a new address, I will provide that new address to Sandhill Telephone within 30 days.
4. My household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of my knowledge, my household is not already receiving a Lifeline service.
5. The information contained in this certification form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
6. I acknowledge that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law.
7. I acknowledge that I may be required to re-certify my continued eligibility for Lifeline at any time, and my failure to re-certify my continued eligibility will result in de-enrollment and the termination of my Lifeline benefits.
8. I understand I will be under a benefit port freeze for 60 days telephone or 12 months broadband. This means I cannot change to another service provider and receive the lifeline benefit from the new provider during this time. The only exception is if I move to a new residence outside of the Sandhill Service area.

I hereby authorize Sandhill Telephone to release any of my information contained in this Lifeline Application required for the administration of the Lifeline program to the FCC or its designee, including the Universal Service Administrative Company, and to any state and federal agency, as required by law.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Sandhill Telephone use only:**

Type of document(s) for *program* eligibility:

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Type of document for *income* eligibility:

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Sandhill CSR Documentation Witness:

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**Note:**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Destroy copies of eligibility documentation  
File in Vault this Form 225**