

Telephone Service Discounts

Discounted phone service (federal Lifeline Assistance) offered by telephone companies to low-income customers to adhere to the 1984 and 1996 FCC (Federal Communications Commission) Low Income Program of the Universal Service Fund. This federal program helps ensure that low-income customers receive affordable rates for basic telephone service. Telephone companies offer free minutes to comply with this mandate, either on land lines or cell phones. **Only one discounted offer is available per low-income household.**

Eligibility: customers must meet either program or income based eligibility guidelines. For program eligibility, recipients must be enrolled in a government program such as Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8, Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs or Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP). For income based eligibility, folks with incomes less than 135% Federal Poverty guidelines qualify. Proof of program participation or income is required. **An annual review is also required.**

Access Wireless

1-800-464-6018

Service: provides free cell phone, service (limited minutes/month) and unlimited texts to residents who meet above program or income guidelines.

Eligibility: see above

Apply: website application at www.accesswireless.com or call.

American Broadband & Telecommunications

1-877-266-7212

Service: provides cell phone with no activation fee, service (limited minutes/month) and unlimited texts to residents who meet above program or income guidelines.

Eligibility: see above

Apply: website application at www.americanassistance.com or call.

Assurance Wireless

1-888-321-5880

Service: provides free cell phone, service (limited minutes/month) and unlimited texts to residents who meet above program or income guidelines.

Eligibility: see above

Apply: website application at www.assurancewireless.com or call.

AT & T Mobility**1-800-331-0500**

Service: provides cell phone with \$17.74 monthly fee, service (limited minutes/month) and unlimited texts to residents who meet above program or income guidelines.

Eligibility: see above

Apply: website application at www.att.com or call.

Boomerang Wireless**1-866-488-8719**

Service: provides free cell phone, service (limited minutes/month) and unlimited texts to residents who meet above program or income guidelines.

Eligibility: see above

Apply: website application at www.entouchwireless.com or call.

FeelSafe Wireless (Air Voice)**1-877-247-7799**

Service: provides free cell phone, service (limited minutes/month) and unlimited texts to residents who meet above program or income guidelines

Eligibility: see above

Apply: website application at www.feelsafewireless.com or call for application.

Life Wireless**1-888-543-3620**

Service: provides free cell phone, service (limited minutes/month) and unlimited texts to residents who meet above program or income guidelines

Eligibility: see above

Apply: website application at www.lifewireless.com or call for application.

North American Local**1-877-200-1427**

Service: provides free cell phone, service (limited minutes/month) and unlimited texts to residents who meet above program or income guidelines

Eligibility: see above

Apply: website application at www.northamericanlocal.com or call for application.

SafeLink Wireless

1-800-723-3546

Service: provides free cell phone, service (limited minutes/month) and unlimited texts to residents who meet above program or income guidelines

Eligibility: see above

Apply: website application at www.safelink.com or call for application.

StandUp Wireless

1-800-544-4441

Service: provides free cell phone, service (limited minutes/month) and unlimited texts to residents who meet above program or income guidelines

Eligibility: see above

Apply: website application at www.standupwireless.com or call for application.

Landlines: contact your landline telephone service provider and ask about discounted rates or “Lifeline” if you meet the above eligibility guidelines.