

# GETTING CONNECTED

## Financial Aid is Available

Internet services qualify as an immediate need, and Lakeland has funds available for students to receive assistance to pay these costs if students are facing a risk of disconnection.

## Immediate Needs Grant

[Fill out the Immediate Needs Grant application here.](#) This page also includes additional resources available to assist with rent, mortgage, utilities or food.

## FCC Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.

The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

There are two steps to enroll:

1. Go to [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://AffordableConnectivity.gov) to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete. Eligible households must *both* apply for the program *and* contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

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Student options for getting internet service at home.

#### **Spectrum:**

Spectrum is participating in a new government-sponsored stimulus program. Your household may be eligible to subscribe to a program that will allow you to save up to \$30 a month on your Internet service.

- In-home Wi-Fi service available
- No contracts
- Limited-time offer
- Cancel anytime, without penalty
- <https://www.spectrum.com/cp/broadband-get-qualified>

#### **Internet Essentials from Comcast for qualifying customers:**

- New customers will receive two months of free service.
- \$9.95 per Month for 15 mbps
- <https://www.internetessentials.com/>

#### **AT&T:**

The federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) helps you stay connected for less. Qualified customers can save up to \$30/mo. or even get free internet or wireless service.

- <https://www.att.com/help/affordable-connectivity-program/>

#### **Affordable Connectivity Program**

- Up to a \$30/month discount on your broadband service
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

#### **Public Wi-Fi Access**

All of Ohio's public libraries have Wi-Fi available and can be accessed from the parking lot. You can find your nearest local library using the following link: <https://oplin.org/fal/>.

#### **Other Options to Get Connected**

If you already have a cellphone with a data plan, you can check with your carrier to add "hot spot" to your plan, usually for about \$10 - \$15.

You could also look to get other cable service or a no-contract mobile hot spot that would qualify as an immediate need.

- The Cheapest Mobile Wi-Fi hot spot Plans (<https://20somethingfinance.com/cheapest-mobile-wifi-hotspot-plans/>).
- Shop the best internet service providers (<https://www.allconnect.com/internet>).