

# GETTING CONNECTED

## Financial Aid is Available

During the pandemic, internet services qualify as an immediate need, and Lakeland has funding available for students to receive financial aid to pay these costs.

## 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.



Student options for getting internet service at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Spectrum:

- If you live in an area with Spectrum, you should qualify for 60 days of free service.
- The company says free broadband and Wi-Fi access will be available for 60 days to households with students from kindergarten to college who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription at any service level up to 100 Mbps.
- To enroll in the service, call 1-844-488-8395, and the company says it will waive installation fees for student households.

## 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 Access is offering low-cost wireline home internet service to qualifying households:

- <https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/#!/>

*[more options continued on next page]*

### Public Wi-Fi Access

Many libraries such as Willoughby-Eastlake and Mentor Main Branch have free available Wi-Fi in their parking lots. State of Ohio has put together this public hot spot access throughout the state:

<https://innovateohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/innovate/news/news-and-events/04042020>

### 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>).