

GETTING CONNECTED

Financial Aid is Available

During the pandemic, internet services qualify as an immediate need, and Lakeland has two 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/#!/>

[Emergency Broadband Benefit Program](#)

- Up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals
- 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)

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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>).