

## MICHIGAN APPLICATION - LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

### Please Read All Instructions Before Completing

#### Federal Lifeline Benefits are now available for qualifying broadband as well as voice services

Voice Lifeline discounts are available to participants of both state and federally recognized aid programs and to those meeting income qualifications. Lifeline discounts on voice include a transfer restriction (port freeze) for 60 days. This means that you are unable to obtain the Lifeline discount on service with another provider for 60 days from the date that your current voice service Lifeline discounts began.

Broadband Lifeline discounts are only available to participants of federally-recognized aid programs and to those meeting Federal income qualifications (income at or below 135% of the federal poverty level). Broadband speeds must be 10 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload or faster to qualify. Lifeline discounts on broadband include a transfer restriction (port freeze) for 12 months. This means that once Lifeline broadband discounts begin, you will be unable to obtain a Lifeline discount with another provider for 12 months if you switch your service. State Lifeline discounts do not apply to broadband service.

If you purchase voice and qualifying broadband services, the federal Lifeline discount will apply to your broadband service, and the state Lifeline discount will apply to your voice service.

If you purchase only voice service or voice service with non-qualifying broadband service, you may receive both state and federal Lifeline discounts on your voice service. Certain exceptions to the transfer restrictions may apply. See <http://www.lifelinesupport.org/lc/change-my-company.aspx> for more information.

Please respond completely. Inaccurate or incomplete responses may cause your application to be rejected. The information on this application will only be used to assess your eligibility for Lifeline Assistance. **Information provided below should be that of the account holder.**

|   |  |               |       |
|---|--|---------------|-------|
| Telephone Number or Existing Account #  | First Name (No Initials)   | Last Name     |       |
| Address Where Service Is Located (No PO Boxes)  |  | City          | State |
| Check here if this is a temporary address <input type="checkbox"/>                            |  | Zip Code      |       |
| Check here if you participate in the Address Confidentiality Program <input type="checkbox"/> | Billing Address, City, State & Zip Code (If different from Service Address) (PO Boxes Allowed) |               |       |
| Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number OR Tribal Identification Number                       |  | Date of Birth |       |
| SSN:  | Tribal:  |               |       |

**PLEASE CHECK programs in which you or your household currently participate and attach a copy of eligibility documentation: (If qualifying under Income, see Income Guidelines below.)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Formerly Known As Food Stamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> General Assistance                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Pension and Survivor's Pension Program                               |   |

**If you are applying for Lifeline assistance because a member of your household besides you participates in one of these programs, provide his/her name and certify that he/she is a member of your household here:**

Veteran's Pension and Survivor's Pension Program

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please Initial) I certify that this program participant is a member of my household.

**INCOME GUIDELINES: Documentation required** If you do not participate in any of the programs above, you may still be eligible for Lifeline Assistance if your annual household income is at or below the amounts shown below depending on the size of your household. PLEASE CHECK the corresponding box if you are eligible on this income basis. Please indicate the number of household members if more than 5.

| Number in Household                      | YEARLY GROSS INCOMES THAT ARE AT OR BELOW THE AMOUNTS LISTED, WHICH ARE: |
|--|--|
|  | 150% of Federal Poverty Level  |
| 1  | \$ 18,090.00   |
| 2  | \$ 24,360.00   |
| 3  | \$ 30,630.00   |
| 4  | \$ 36,900.00   |
| 5  | \$ 43,170.00   |
| 6  | \$ 49,440.00   |
| 7  | \$ 55,710.00   |
| 8  | \$ 61,980.00   |
| For each additional household member add | \$ 6,270.00  |
|  | Actual Yearly Income:<br>\$ _____  |

A household is defined as a group of individuals who live together, at the same address, and share income and expenses. For example, apartments in an apartment building are usually unique households. Individuals living in a nursing home can be considered unique households. Answer the questions below to determine if there is more than one household living at your address. Providing false information on this form may result in losing your Lifeline service and/or criminal penalties.

1. Does another adult (age 18 or older or emancipated minor) live with you AND have a Lifeline-discounted service or a "free" wireless Lifeline service? For example, husband, wife, domestic partner, parent, son, daughter, another relative (such as a sibling, aunt, cousin, grandparent, grandchild, etc.), a roommate, or another person.

\_\_\_\_\_ **No.** You are **ELIGIBLE** for Lifeline because no one in your household has Lifeline. **Please SIGN below** to certify that this is true.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes.** Please answer question 2 below.

2. Do you share expenses for bills, food, or other living expenses AND share income (salary, public assistance benefits, social security payments or other income) with the person in question #1 that has a Lifeline-discounted service?

\_\_\_\_\_ **No.** You are **ELIGIBLE** for Lifeline because no one in your household has Lifeline. Please **SIGN below** to certify that this is true.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes.** STOP. Do not sign the form. You are **NOT ELIGIBLE** because someone in your household already has Lifeline.

I certify that the information provided above is true and that no one in my household already has Lifeline. I understand that violating the one-per-household requirement is against the Federal Communications Commission's rules and I may lose my Lifeline benefits, and may be prosecuted by the United States government for violating the rules.

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIFELINE PROGRAM BEFORE YOU SIGN BELOW:**

- 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 the 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 assistance from multiple service providers. This includes both wireless and wireline providers.
- I understand that if I am currently receiving Lifeline benefits from another carrier, by submitting this form I am agreeing to discontinue receiving that other carrier's benefit and instead to receive my one Lifeline benefit from Brightspeed.
- Violation of the one-per-household limitation constitutes a violation of the Federal Communications Commission's rules and will result in the subscriber's de-enrollment from the program and potentially prosecution by the US government.
- Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit and the subscriber may not transfer his or her benefit to any other person.

**EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS MUST BE INITIALED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE LIFELINE. FAILURE TO INITIAL ANY OF THE CERTIFICATIONS BELOW WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR APPLICATION FORM.**

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

INITIAL EACH BOX

- I understand and consent to Brightspeed providing my Lifeline service information, including but not limited to, my name, residential address, phone number, date of birth; the last 4 digits of my social security number; the date on which my Lifeline service was initiated/terminated, and the means through which I qualified for Lifeline, to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), USAC's agents, the National Lifeline Accountability Database, and/or state agencies involved in Lifeline to ensure the proper administration of the Lifeline program. I understand that if I fail to provide this consent, I will not be able to receive Lifeline support on my Brightspeed account.
- My household meets the program-based or income-based eligibility criteria indicated above.
- I must notify Brightspeed within 30 days if for any reason my household no longer satisfies the criteria for receiving Lifeline assistance. This includes if I no longer meet the income-based or program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline support, if I am receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, if another member of my household is receiving a Lifeline benefit, or for any other reason, my household no longer satisfies the criteria for receiving Lifeline support. Failure to notify Brightspeed may result in penalties and deenrollment from the program.
- I must notify Brightspeed within 30 days if I move to a new address.
- Only one Lifeline service benefit is available per household. To the best of my knowledge, my household is not already receiving a Lifeline service.
- I understand that my Brightspeed Lifeline service is not transferrable. I may not transfer my service to any individual, including another eligible low-income consumer.
- I understand that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline assistance is punishable by law.
- I understand that I may be required to re-certify my household's eligibility for Lifeline assistance at any time, and if I fail to re-certify as to my continued eligibility, it will result in de-enrollment and the termination of my household's Lifeline assistance.
- The information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- Once I sign up for discounts with one provider, I cannot receive Lifeline benefits from another provider for a period of time. I understand that if I purchase only voice services that qualify for Lifeline discounts I cannot move my benefits to another provider for 60 days. If I have broadband products that qualify for Lifeline discounts, I cannot move my benefits to another provider for 12 months.

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

**Lifeline Assistance Applicant Signature** (Must be the Brightspeed account holder listed at the top of page one)

Please mail this completed application and any supporting documents to (Original Documents are not returned):  
PO Box 11037 | Lansing, Michigan 48901 or fax to 517-482-3548

**Application Checklist – Please provide the following:**

1. Signed and completed Lifeline application form. Applicant name must be Account Holder name.
2. If applying based on program eligibility, a copy of a program award letter or government agency document containing your name, your address, the program name and the effective date of the award.
3. Only program cards that display your name, your address or state, program name and effective date will be accepted.
4. If applying based on the size and income level of customer's household, provide a copy of one of the following:
  - Last year's Federal or State Income Tax Return
  - Current Annual Income Statement from Employer
  - Paycheck stubs or other official document containing income information for any three consecutive months within the last twelve months
  - Social Security Statement of Benefits
  - Veteran's Administration Statement of Benefits
  - Retirement or Pension Statement of Benefits
  - Unemployment or Worker's Compensation Statement of Benefits
  - Letter of Participation in General Assistance
  - Divorce Decree or Child Support Documentation containing income information
    - Bank Statement is not valid proof of income.