

Dear Diamond R-4 School District families,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [Emergency Broadband Benefit Program](#) (EBB) will make \$3.2 billion available to provide a monthly discount for high-speed internet service for eligible households. The FCC is currently approving internet providers, hosting educational webinars and finalizing the program to go live on May 12, 2021.

Your household may qualify for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB) because of your participation in the National School Lunch Program through the Diamond R-4 School District. If your child received free or reduced priced meals during the 2019/2020 and/or the 2020/2021 school year, you automatically qualify. As such, you may be eligible to have up to \$50 discounted from your monthly internet bill. You will need to apply for the EBB program and, after you are approved, the FCC will subsidize your monthly internet bill directly to the internet provider. It is important to note that you will not receive these funds yourself; the amount will be deducted from your monthly internet bill.

To participate in this program, you need to apply for the EBB. You can do that in one of three ways:

1. Visiting a participating internet service provider's website
  - List of providers: <https://ded2.mo.gov/GETCONNECTED>
2. Applying online through the National Verifier
  - How to use it: <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/national-verifier/>
  - Do I qualify: <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/do-i-qualify/>
3. Mailing an application to:
  - USAC: Emergency Broadband Support Center, P.O. Box 7081, London, KY 40742

For your application, you will need your verification of benefits letter (provided with this letter) as proof of your participation in the free and reduced lunch program. If you have any questions about this program, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumer-faq-emergency-broadband-benefit>.

Best Regards,

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