

Instructions for completing the USAC Lifeline application

You can qualify for Lifeline through one of the following government assistance programs: Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension or Veterans Survivors Pension. **To prove participation in one of the above programs, you must submit a document that, at a minimum, includes:**

- Your name, or the name of your benefit qualifying person (BQP);
- The name of the Lifeline-qualifying program, such as SNAP;
- The government or Tribal program administrator or the managed care organization (MCO) that issued the document; and
- An issue date within the last 12 months or a future expiration date that aligns with the benefit period.

If your household income is at 135% or less of the federal poverty guidelines, you qualify for Lifeline. To prove your household income is at 135% or less of the federal poverty guidelines, you must submit one or more of the following documents:

- The prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return
- Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub
- A Social Security statement of benefits
- A Veterans Administration statement of benefits
- A retirement/pension statement of benefits
- An Unemployment/Workers' Compensation statement of benefit
- Federal or Tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- Divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information

If you want to show documentation of income that does not cover a full year, such as current pay stubs, you must show documentation that covers three months in a row within the past twelve months.

In addition to USAC receiving an application and program or income documentation, Verizon is required to access the National Lifeline Accountability Database to verify 1) you are not already receiving the Lifeline benefit from another wireline, wireless or broadband service provider and 2) your identity based on your full name, date of birth and the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

To prove your identity, you must submit document(s) verifying your date of birth and social security number. These documents include the following:

- Driver's license (unexpired)
- Birth certificate
- W-2
- Prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return
- Social Security card
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship
- Permanent resident card (unexpired)
- Permanent resident alien card (unexpired)
- U.S. government, military, state, or Tribal issued ID (unexpired)
- Passport (unexpired)
- Military discharge documentation
- Weapons permit (unexpired)
- Government assistance program document (that includes proof of identity)
- Statement of benefits from a qualifying program (that includes proof of identity)
- Unemployment or worker's compensation statement of benefits

Please return the attached USAC application and Household Worksheet with required documents to:

New Jersey SHARES, 4 Walter E. Foran Boulevard, Suite 105, Flemington, NJ 08822

If you prefer to fax or e-mail, please send application with required documents to 609-883-0133 or telco@njshares.org.