

This digital resource guide highlights how to access digital devices and internet in Marlboro County.

## Marlboro County

#### Libraries

Libraries are a great place to get access to computers and internet. Call a library to ensure computer/internet availability and to check their operating hours.

Marian Wright Edelman Library 203 Fayetteville Ave. Bennettsville, SC 29512 843-479-5630 x 0

#### How to Get Internet at Home

To get internet at home, contact an internet service provider (ISP). Most ISPs cover specific locations by zip code. Below is a list of ISPs that provide service in Marlboro County. It is important to provide a physical address to confirm service is available at your home. For more information, use the internet speed and Affordable Connectivity Handout.

Internet Service Provider	Phone Number	Low-cost Plan Available	Affordable Connectivity Program Participant	Lifeline Program
Sandhill Tele Coop	843-658-3434	No	Yes	No
HughesNet	844-908-2558	No	Yes	No
T-Mobile	833-703-0583	No	Yes	No
Viasat	866-331-0059	No	Yes	No
AT&T	855-972-4177	No	Yes (\$0 with ACP)	Yes
Verizon	800-922-0204	Yes	Yes	No

#### How to Get Internet on the Go

Some businesses offer free wireless internet (WIFI) connectivity to customers.

McDonald'sBurger KingTaco Bell108 Hwy 15-401 Bypass113 Hwy 15- 401 Bypass200 US-15

W. Bennettsville, SC 29512 E. Bennettsville, SC 29512 Bennettsville, SC 29512

#### Where Can I Purchase a device (Computer, Tablet, Chromebook)?

Online - PC's for People - <a href="https://www.pcsforpeople.org/">https://www.pcsforpeople.org/</a>

This digital resource guide is not a comprehensive list of services in Marlboro County. If your organization provides computers or internet services, in this area, contact Palmetto Care Connections at 803-450-1053 to be added to the guide.

# FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AFFORDABLE INTERNET SOLUTIONS

Below are two (2) programs that can help eligible households afford telephone and/or internet services.

## Lifeline Program

Lifeline is an FCC program that helps make telephone and internet services more affordable for consumers.

## The benefit provides:



Monthly Income
\$1,640
\$2,219
\$2,797
\$3,375
\$3,953

Lifeline Eligibility

## Who is eligible?

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% Federal Poverty Guidelines
- SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or SSI

## **Affordable Connectivity Program**

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. One benefit per household.

#### The benefit provides:



ACP Eligibi	lity
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Household Size	Monthly Income	
1	\$2,430	
2	\$3,287	
3	\$4,143	
4	\$5,000	
5	\$5,857	
Add \$857 for nech additional person.		

# A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines
- SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, or WIC
- Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program, including USDA Community Eligibility Provision schools.
- Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year.

If you are a Lifeline benefit recipient, you are qualified to receive the ACP as well.

#### TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

1

Go to getinternet.gov or lifelinesupport.org to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.

2

Once you have been approved and received a code, then contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

For more information or questions about the application, please call



at 803-450-1053

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