



LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Please Read All Instructions Before Completing

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	
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:		

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR LIFELINE BASED UPON INCOME OR PARTICIPATION IN A QUALIFYING PROGRAM. PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND ATTACHED NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR THE INCOME OR QUALIFYING PROGRAM RELATED TO YOUR ELIGIBILITY.

INCOME: **Attach income documentation.** If your household income is at or below the amounts shown below PLEASE CHECK the corresponding box in the Number in Household column. Please indicate the number of household members if more than 5.

Number in Household	IF YOUR TOTAL YEARLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS AT OR BELOW THE AMOUNTS LISTED, WHICH ARE: 135% of Federal Poverty Level
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$15,890
2 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$21,506
3 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$27,122
4 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$32,738
5 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$38,354
For each additional household member add	\$5,616
Number of household members:	No: _____

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

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

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 telephone service providers. This includes both wireless and wireline providers.
- If you are currently receiving Lifeline benefits from another carrier, by submitting this form you are agreeing to discontinue receiving the other carrier’s benefit and instead to receive your Lifeline benefit from Rico Telephone Company.
- 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 potential 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 CHECK-MARKED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE LIFELINE. FAILURE TO CHECK ANY OF THE CERTIFICATIONS BELOW WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

CHECK MARK EACH BOX

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

- I understand and consent to Rico Telephone Company providing my Lifeline service account 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, the amount of Lifeline support provided, 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, Rico Telephone Company will deny me Lifeline service.
- My household meets the program-based or income-based eligibility criteria indicated above.
- I must notify Rico Telephone Company 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 Rico Telephone Company may result in penalties and de-enrollment from the program.
- I must notify Rico Telephone Company 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 Rico Telephone Company 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.

Date: _____

Lifeline Assistance Applicant Signature
 (Must be the Rico Telephone Company account holder listed at the top of page one)

Please mail this completed application and appropriate documentation
 (Originals are not returned):

**Rico Telephone Company
 PO Box 324
 Rockland, ID 83271-0324**


**Customer Service: 844-256-8333
 Fax: 208-548-9911**

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. Documentation for at least one program is necessary as proof of eligibility.
3. If applying based on the size and income level of your 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 (3) consecutive months within the last twelve (12) 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.

Please also complete and submit the Household Worksheet below. This will assist us in being able to respond promptly to your request for Lifeline benefits.

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 <u>AND</u> have a Lifeline-discounted phone service or a “free” wireless phone? 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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No. You are ELIGIBLE for Lifeline because no one in your household has Lifeline. Please SIGN below to certify that this is true.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Please answer question 2 below.
	
2. Do you share expenses for bills, food, or other living expenses <u>AND</u> share income (salary, public assistance benefits, social security payments or other income) with the person in question #1 that has a Lifeline-discounted phone service?	
<input type="checkbox"/> No. You are ELIGIBLE for Lifeline because no one in your household has Lifeline. Please SIGN below to certify that this is true.	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

Signature _____

Date _____