



Save Up To \$13.50 On Your Local Phone Bill!

If your phone company has LIFELINE phone rates, they can save you \$13.50 a month on your local phone bill. You can still make all the local calls you want.

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Are you eligible for LIFELINE?

- Do you get Food Stamps
- Do you get a Families First check?
- Do you qualify for TennCare based on the Medicaid Standards through the Department of Human Services?
- Do you get an SSI Check?
- Is your total family income below these amounts?

To apply for Lifeline this way, call your local phone company.

You may need to change the name on your phone bill. The phone must be in the name of the person who gets the help listed above.

For example, your wife gets SSI. But the phone is in your name. You would need to put the phone bill in your wife's name.

Amount of Savings

LIFELINE can save between \$3.50 and \$13.50 per month on your telephone bill. The amount of savings, over minimum \$3.50 will depend on the number of local calls you make. Call your local phone company for information on how LIFELINE saves you money each month.



Your Income Is Low

How low? Look in the box below. Find your family size on the left. Move across to the dollar amount next to it. If your gross monthly income is LESS than this, you can get Lifeline rates.

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$ 998
2	\$1,336
3	\$1,676
4	\$2,016
5	\$2,356
6	\$2,696

For each additional person, add \$340

How to apply for Lifeline this way

Complete the application on the back of this factsheet and mail it with proof of your income to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA). Or, call the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA), toll free at 1.800.342.8359. Listen to the message and then dial Extension 157. Someone with TRA will help you.

Other Ways to Save - LINK-UP

Can't afford to have a phone put in? LINK-UP can pay half of the cost to install a phone, up to \$30. You can pay the rest in monthly payments. Apply for the LINK-UP program when you apply for Lifeline.

If you qualify for LIFELINE, you probably qualify for LINK-UP.



This fact sheet is not meant to take the place of legal advice.

If you have a legal problem, consult a private attorney or call your local Legal Services Office.

900 Calls

Because of the high charges and abuses associated with calling some 900 numbers, the TRA and your local phone company offer you protection. You can block 900 calls from being made from your phone by simply calling your local phone company and requesting 900 blocking. This service is free of charge. If someone has called 900 numbers from your phone and you have been charged, the phone company cannot disconnect your phone for non-payment. However, the 900 company may pursue collections on their own.

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