

Save \$11 On Your Local Phone Bill!



How do LIFELINE rates work?

If your phone company has LIFELINE rates, they can save you **\$11.35** a month on your local phone bill.

Who can get LIFELINE rates?

Two different groups of low-income persons can get LIFELINE rates.

1. You can get LIFELINE phone rates if you get other help

Do you get one of these kinds of help?

- Food Stamps
- Families First payments (welfare)
- SSI payments
- The kind of TennCare you apply for at the Food Stamp office.

Call your local phone company to apply for LIFELINE. You may need to ask the phone company to put your phone bill in the name of the person who qualifies. For example, you may qualify only because your wife has SSI. You may need to change the phone bill into your wife's name.

2. You can get LIFELINE rates even if you DO NOT get other help

If you don't get other help, you may still get LIFELINE rates. Look in the box below. Find your family size and the dollar amount next to it. If your gross monthly income is **LESS** than this, you can get LIFELINE rates.

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Family size	Family gross income
1 person	\$ 895 per month
2 people	\$1,209 per month
3 people	\$1,524 per month
4 people	\$1,839 per month
For each family member after 4, add \$315.	

To apply this way, call Mrs. Vivian Michael Wilhoite at the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. Her number is **1-800-342-8359, extension 157**. (It's a free call.) She will take your application. She will also ask you to send her proof of your income.



Can't afford to have a phone put in?

Ask about the LINK-UP Tennessee program. LINK-UP can pay half of the cost to install a phone, up to \$30.

No deposit

If LINK-UP helps to put your phone in, you do not pay a deposit.