

Affordable Access

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a \$14.2 billion federal program that **will help families and households struggling to afford internet service**. Funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the ACP provides eligible households with a discount of up to **\$30 per month** (or up to **\$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands**) and a one-time **\$100 discount toward a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet**.

Who's Eligible?

- Those with a household annual income <200% of the federal poverty line.
- Individuals who receive any of the following: Lifeline, SNAP, WIC, SSI, or Housing Assistance.
- Veterans Pension/Benefit
- Pell Grant recipients (current year)

Want to save \$30/mo on internet service?

Visit getinternet.gov to apply.

Affordable & Public Devices

SEDC purchases laptops, desktops, and tablets to help Somerset communities gain access to these devices in local libraries, adult-eds, Somerset Public Health offices, KVCAP residential homes, and recovery residences.

Do you need to use a computer, printer, or hotspot?

Visit somerse broadband.org to find a public device near you.

Do you need an affordable desktop, laptop or tablet?

GiveIT.GetIT in Waterville understands that families without a personal computer often have limited job marketability or unstable employment, which results in lower family incomes. **GiveIT.GetIT** provides affordable, high-quality, refurbished devices (support included) to enable people to become confident and capable users.

Learn more at giveitgetit.org

Free Skills & Digital Classes

Somerset Broadband equips, teaches, and empowers residents to navigate the digital world and connect with jobs, doctors, schools, family and friends, and resources so you can thrive regionally, nationally, and globally.

We work to ensure that Mainers have the knowledge and confidence to successfully use their devices and internet connection. SEDC partners with the National Digital Equity Center and offers **FREE** digital skills training classes throughout Somerset County.

Choose from nearly 50 classes about:

- iPhone/Android
- iPad/Tablet
- Windows, Mac, and Chromebook computers
- Internet safety
- Cloud
- Facebook
- Email
- Video-conferencing & telehealth
- Google Drive
- MS Word/Excel/PowerPoint
- Web design

Explore the class offerings at digitalequitycenter.org/classes

All classes are live, with active discussion and Q&A interaction with the NDEC instructor. Classes are 1 hour long, and topics are covered in 1, 2, or 3 class sessions.

Online or In-Person Classes

Onsite partner locations include: select Somerset County libraries, Adult Eds, American Legion halls, Victor Grange, and more.

Find a location: digitalequitycenter.org/classes/onsite-in-maine/

At home or work: Take these great classes from the comfort of your home or office! NDEC offers all their classes online via Zoom, so you can take them using your own computer, tablet, or phone.

For personal technical support, please call Skowhegan Adult Ed. at 207.474.7553 to make an appointment.