New York State Department of Public Service Application for Lifeline Service

What is Lifeline Telephone Service? Lifeline service is intended to assist in making telephone service affordable for all residential customers. The following summary describes how the program works. A lifeline customer's telephone bill is lowered by an amount equal to the Federal Communications Commission—ordered Interstate Access Charge (currently \$6.50), plus an additional \$1.75 reduction in the rate for basic local residential exchange service.

Who is eligible for Lifeline Discounts? In order to be eligible for the discount, the applicant must meet set income criteria. In New York, individuals must be *Income Eligible* to receive assistance through one of eight programs: Medicaid, Family Assistance, Safety Net Assistance, Supplemental Security Income, Home Energy Assistance Program, Food Stamps, Veteran's Disability Pension, or Veteran's Surviving Spouse Pension.

How do I apply for the discount? Complete the application below and return it with proof of eligibility as described in the application to your local telephone company.

Do any restrictions apply? Please be aware that your telephone company will periodically confirm that your lifeline discount eligibility is still in effect. If you are no longer eligible, you will be notified that your discount will be discontinued.

	(Please Print)		
Name:		My home telephone number	
Street Address:	Apt. #:	(
City:State: NY ZipCode: Date of Birth:Social Security Number:		Telephone number where I can be reached to arrange service	
I am now receiving assistance	from the following programs (check	all that apply to you):	
Medicaid (MA) Safety Net Assistance Food Stamps (FS) Veteran's Disability Per I am	Family . Home E	Inergy Assistance Program (HEAP) 's Surviving Spouse Pension (non-service related)	
Please provide your ID Numb	er for the program(s) checked:		
NYS Office of Temporary and information as is necessary to eligible, my lifeline discount v	I Disability Assistance and my local to verify my eligibility for the Lifeline of will be discontinued.	discount. I understand that if I am no longer	
Signature:	·	Date:	
card to this form. If you only is of your utility or fuel bill which alternative, you may have an a	receive HEAP, attach a photocopy of the shows your HEAP benefit (please of	nay attach a photocopy of your benefits ID your HEAP approval notice, or a photocopy do not send original documents). As an ice of Temporary and Disability Assistance, while the property of	

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