



# FREE high-speed Internet for selected Student and Teacher households in Lincolnville, Hope and Appleton

## **NOTICE: Special Offer from Tidewater Telcom & Lincolnville Networks**

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Maine Department of Education (DOE) has received federal emergency funding that can be used to provide high-speed broadband connections to K-12 student and teacher households, as well as households with enrolled college students, that currently do not have access to minimum internet speeds of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload.

Tidewater Telecom and Lincolnville Networks has been approved by the Maine DOE to build out its high-speed fiber optic network to selected student households in Hope, Appleton and Lincolnville.

# Who qualifies for this special offer?

This offer is available to those who meet the following four qualifications:

- 1. Has a K-12 student/teacher or a currently enrolled college student living in the house.
- 2. Lives at selected student/teacher addresses in Appleton, Lincolnville or Hope.
- 3. Not connected to Tidewater Telecom/Lincolnville Networks' O.P.E.N.™ fiber network.
- 4. Submits a signed application for service by December 30, 2020.

Special Offer ends Dec. 30, 2020 - to qualify you must apply NOW (application link below) -

Tidewater Telcom and Lincolnville Networks will require a 1-year contract – you will receive\*:

- FREE fiber optic installation at your address (no up-front cost to you)
- FREE Router (no monthly charge)
- FREE internet service (100 x 100 Meg) for the first 6 months
  - o you will pay \$69.95 per month for the second 6 months.
  - o at the end of the 12-month period, you can:
    - discontinue service
    - switch to 50 x 10 Meg service for \$69.95/month
    - or upgrade to a higher speed (i.e., 100 x 20 Mbps for \$89.95/month).

\*NOTE – offer valid only for new O.P.E.N.™ fiber optic internet customers

To learn more and apply now, use this link:

Learn More and Apply - www.tidewater.net/students

Applications will be processed on a *first come first serve basis*. Because the program deadline is December 30, 2020, it is very important that you apply ASAP.

If you are interested, don't wait — use the application link above to APPLY TODAY.

# **FAQs**

### How much does it cost?

- Installation FREE
- Router FREE
- First 6 months of internet service FREE
- Second 6 months of service \$69.95 per month (plus taxes and fees)

#### What is included in this offer?

This offer covers three costs which would normally fall to the costumer:

- 1. **The cost of installation**. This can vary wildly, with some costing thousands of dollars for fiber installation. The funding for this program covers all of those expensive costs of getting fiber to Maine students and teachers.
- 2. **The wireless router**. This program covers the cost of a wireless router that you can use as long as you subscribe to our O.P.E.N.™ Fiber internet service.
- 3. Six months of free internet and phone service, with an additional six months at \$69.95/month.

The services included are: 100 MEG Symmetrical Fiber internet, phone w/1000 minutes of long distance.

# Is a contract required?

➤ Yes – a one-year (12 month) contract.

# What happens after the one-year contract?

After your one-year contract is completed (following your six months free service and six months billed at \$69.95), you can either disconnect service OR switch to one of our standard plans (i.e., 50 x 10 Mbps for \$69.95/month or 100 x 20 Mbps for \$89.95/month, etc).

## Why is this only available to students and teachers?

> The federal grant that is funding this project can only be used to connect student and teacher households to high-speed broadband.

## Why is this only available in Appleton, Hope and Lincolnville?

> Due to the tight timeframe to utilize the funding for this project (program ends Dec 30, 2020), we had to limit our project scope to just those three towns, for the time being.