

For Applicants Meeting the Free or Reduced School Lunch/ USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Steps to Getting the Affordable Connectivity Program Benefit



Community Eligibility Provision Schools in South Carolina

Does your child or dependent receive free or reduced school lunch under the Community Eligibility Provision? To verify your child or dependent attends a CEP school in South Carolina, visit Community Eligibility Data

Letter Template

<u>Click here</u> to download a letter template. The letter must be placed on the school's letterhead and signed by an authorized school official.

Internet Service Providers Participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program

<u>Click here</u> for a list of internet service providers in Bamberg County participating in the ACP.

Online Application Checklist:

- Email Address
- Parent or guardian
- Social Security Number
- Home address where you receive or will receive internet
- Date of Birth
- An ID for your child (social security number is the best option, but a school ID, birth certificate, or passport can also be used)
- A letter from the child's school showing that they attend a Community Eligibility Provision School. Click here to download a letter template. The letter must be placed on the school's letterhead and signed by an authorized school official.

Completing the Application:

- When prompted to answer, "Which of the following programs do you participate in?" choose- "I do not participate in any of these but I have a child or dependent who may qualify"
- You will be asked "Which of the programs does your child or dependent participate in?"- Choose "USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) School".
- For your child or dependent, you will be asked for the last 4 of their SSN, Name and DOB.
- You will create an account and then be asked to supply supporting documentation. First, you may be asked to choose the school's name from a dropdown of CEP schools.

Important Notes:

- Mail-in applications are available. Click here to download and print the mail in application.
- Once you start your application, you have 45 days to upload any required documents or you will have to re-apply.
- You will receive an application ID starting with the letter B. Once you receive notification that you are qualified, this is the number you will provide to your internet provider.
- You have 90 days to provide the application ID number to your internet provider or you will have to re-apply.

For more information about the Affordable Connectivity Program, visit <u>www.getinternet.gov</u>.

For application assistance, contact Ashlee Parra, Digital Navigator, at Palmetto Care Connections 803-450-1053 or visit our website at <u>www.palmettocareconnections.org/acpcepresources/</u>