

# Free and Low-Cost Computer and WIFI Resources with Qualifications

Compiled by the [Normandale Student Resource Center](#)

## Normandale Resources

- **Normandale Computer Labs:**
  - College Services, C 2190 (second floor, same entrance as the Tutoring Center)
  - Partnership Center, P 1806 (second floor)
  - Kopp Student Center, second floor near the fireplace

## WIFI and Computers

### **PCs for People**

- Description: Low-cost internet and technology equipment for eligible low-income households.
- Web page: <https://www.pcsforpeople.org>
- Eligibility:
  - Proof of current enrollment in an income-based government assistance program OR documentation of current household income (under 200% of the federal poverty level or 60% of area median income).
  - Must provide acceptable photo identification.
  - Eligibility details: <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/eligibility/>

### **Hennepin County Computer and Internet Assistance**

- Description: If you live in Hennepin County you may qualify for technology assistance
- Web page: <https://www.hennepin.us/tech>
- Eligibility:
  - Live in Hennepin County
  - Household income less than \$65,000/year

## Computers

### **Computers with Causes**

- Description: Awards a limited number of computers to those in need.
- Web page: <https://www.computerswithcauses.org/application.htm>
- Eligibility:
  - Anyone can apply. Priority given to students, teachers, and parents, the elderly, foster homes, shelters, and disabled US veterans and struggling military families.

### **Free Geek**

- Description: Thrift store providing reduced cost or free technology equipment or software.
- Web page: <https://www.freegeektwincities.org/thrift-store/>
- Eligibility: Open to anyone.

### **Minnesota Afterschool Advance**

- Description: Program offering discounted Chromebooks to families with K-12 aged children who meet income limit.
- Web page: [https://mnafterschool.org/chromebooks?fbclid=IwAR0jEGwDK0qV8pOefCXdwHeN1m4KyLyt\\_Ew1bohTTBk5zwx0EALL4fgKYIk](https://mnafterschool.org/chromebooks?fbclid=IwAR0jEGwDK0qV8pOefCXdwHeN1m4KyLyt_Ew1bohTTBk5zwx0EALL4fgKYIk)
- Eligibility: You have a student in your household in grades K-12 and your household income in 2021 and 2022 is under \$33,500. Eligibility and Expectations details: <https://mnafterschool.org/program-eligibility-expectations>.

### **Repowered (formerly Tech Discounts)**

- Description: Sells refurbished computers, laptops, and tablets at low prices.
- Web page: <https://techdiscounts.org/>
- Eligibility: Open to anyone.

### **WIFI**

#### **AT&T Access**

- Description: Low-cost internet for eligible households.
- Web page: <https://www.att.com/internet/access/>
- Eligibility: [See if you qualify](#)

#### **Everyone On**

- Description: Gives you options of low-cost internet service providers for which you may qualify.
- Web page: <https://www.everyoneon.org/find-offers>

#### **Lifeline Support**

- Description: Lifeline provides subscribers a discount on monthly telephone service, broadband Internet access, from participating providers.
- Web page: <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/get-started/#>
- Eligibility: Based on income and use of other benefit programs, like SNAP or Medicaid. Details here: <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/do-i-qualify/>.

#### **Spectrum**

- Description: Discounted internet service (\$30 off) for eligible households.
- Web page: <https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist.html>
- Eligibility: To qualify for Spectrum Internet Assist, a member of your household must be a recipient of one of the following programs and must upload proof of eligibility:
  - The National School Lunch Program (NSLP); free or reduced cost lunch
  - The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Lunch Program
  - Supplemental Security Income (For Applicants 65+ Years of Age)

## State of MN's list of low-cost internet providers

Web page: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/adoption/>

### Xfinity/Comcast

- Description: Free internet program offering WIFI for \$9.95/month for low-income households.
- Web page: <https://www.internetessentials.com/>
- Eligibility:
  - Qualify for programs like the National School Lunch Program, housing assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, Federal Pell Grant, and others
  - Live in an area where Comcast Internet service is available
  - Have not had Comcast Internet in the last 90 days
  - Households who owe money to Comcast may still qualify if approved by 12/31/22