

Household Eligibility



Your eligibility for a government phone depends on the size of your household and your combined income per year:

- Household of One: \$17,226
- Household of Two: \$23,274
- Household of Three: \$29,332
- Household of Four: \$35,370
- Household of Five: \$41,418
- Household of Six: \$47,466
- Household of Seven: \$53,514
- Household of Eight: \$59,562

For each additional member of your household beyond the eighth person, add \$6,084 per year. You might also be eligible if you receive other government aid.

The process of applying changes on the company providing you with the government phone. There are five major providers for Illinois residents, with each one offering a different number of minutes, options for refills, and data. The five main providers are Access Wireless, American Assistance, Life Wireless, Safelink Wireless, and Terracom Wireless. More information about these companies can be found on their websites.

Providers & Application Process



Access Wireless

Access Wireless is free and gives you 1000 minutes of talk, unlimited texting, and 3 GB of data. You'll also get free voicemail, free domestic long distance calls, and nationwide coverage. More minutes can be purchased at any time.

American Assistance serves Illinois residents under the Lifeline Plan. You will get a free smart phone with a \$25 activation fee. Your plan will include 500 minutes of talk, unlimited texting, and 3GB of data. More minutes can be purchased at any time.

American Assistance

Life Wireless

Life Wireless provides eligible people with a free cell phone with 1000 minutes per month of talk, unlimited texting, and 3 GB of data. More minutes can be purchased at other time, and other upgrade plans are available upon request for a fee.

Safelink Wireless uses your current phone to provide a free phone plan. You will receive 350 free minutes of talk, unlimited texting, and 3GB of data. You will also receive free 411 directory access at no additional cost. More minutes can be purchased at any time.

Safelink Wireless

Terracom Wireless

Terracom Wireless provides government phones for Illinois residents under one of two plans. The first provides 1000 free minutes of talk and unlimited texting. The other provides 500 voice minutes, unlimited texting, and 3GB of data each month. Contact Terracom for more information about which plan is best for you.



To apply for a government phone, please visit the following websites:

Access Wireless: accesswireless.com

American Assistance: americanassistance.com

Life Wireless: lifewireless.com

Safelink Wireless: safelinkwireless.com

Terracom Wireless: terracomwireless.com

For questions about your application or anything else, call the following numbers:

Access Wireless: **1.888.900.5899**

American Assistance: **1.877.266.7212**

Life Wireless: **1.888.543.3620**

Safelink Wireless: **1.800.723.3546**

Terracom Wireless: **1.888.716.8880**