Eligible families can get $30 subsidy for Internet plan

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Eligible families can receive a $30 subsidy that can be applied to a home Internet or mobile phone Internet plan from the Federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

The California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) say over 5 million California households are eligible for the ACP benefit and is urging eligible residents to apply.

Sunne Wright McPeak, president and CEO of CETF, said getting connected in one's home "is a life changing gift."

"If your neighbor or a family member qualify, please consider giving the gift of your time by helping them enroll in ACP to receive a $30 subsidy for home Internet," McPeak said. "You can help them

kick off the new year with a new connection."

Visit this CETF-sponsored website to apply or call 844-944-3386 to speak with a *Get Connected!* ACP Support Center representative who can start your application.

Helpful hints for applicants:

- Make sure to have proof of identity on hand: U.S. Driver's License, U.S. Military ID, State ID, Individual Taxpayer ID (ITIN), Social Security Card,*Matricular* or *Visa Consula, or a* Birth Certificate of a Minor.
- Households receiving Medi-Cal, HUD and/or Veteran Pension can be automatically verified in California and are encouraged to start with the benefits when applying.
- Name and address in application must match name and address in the qualifying program. Additionally, the last 4 digits of the Social Security Number (SSN) must be provided to match. Those without a SSN will have another opportunity to provide proof of eligibility.
- When the ACP discount is used with certain Internet plans, Home Internet can be FREE.

Those interested in supporting this work can donate to the CETF Digital Equity Fund, a fundraising campaign that directly gets computers into the hands of California's students and families.

The CETF is a statewide nonprofit that aims to close the digital divide. The nonprofit provides grants to nonprofit community-based organizations to assist low-income housholds in adopting broadband and becoming digitally proficient. CETF manages School2Home that aims to use that connection to help close both the Achievement Gap and the Digital Divide with help from deep parent engagement for students in underserved communities.

 For more information, visit www.cetfund.org.