



Port Towns Chromebook Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

WHAT IS THE FREE CHROMEBOOK PROGRAM?

The Port Towns are committed to helping close the digital divide. Through a grant provided by the State of Maryland, we are proud to participate in a free Chromebook giveaway for income-eligible Port Town residents. The distribution process started in April 2024, and the Towns will distribute 125 Chromebooks.

HOW DO I QUALIFY

One Chromebook may be given to each household/address if the resident is 18 years or older. Priority is given to residents of the PORT TOWNS (Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston). All participants must also qualify as low-income households.

Priority for this program is being given to residents who reside within the incorporated limits of the Town. All those in the surrounding areas will be put on a waiting list and will be contacted once all applicants within the towns have been served. Please note that you must be a resident of the State of Maryland to apply.

WHAT ARE THE INCOME CRITERIA TO QUALIFY?

The following criteria can be used to certify eligible low-income households:

Documentation from a government source of current household income below 200% of the federal poverty level (relative to household size)

- \$27,180 for a household of 1
- \$36,620 for a household of 2
- \$46,060 for a household of 3
- \$55,500 for a household of 4

WHAT FORMS OF PROOF DO I NEED TO PROVIDE?

Town staff will ask for the following proof of current enrollment or participation in approved government assistance programs, such as:

- Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps

- Medicaid (Please bring documentation confirming you have current benefits or a screenshot of your online portal)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO PROVE RESIDENCY?

The following items will be used as proof of identity and address to verify identity and residency.

Accepted proof of Identification:

- U.S. or foreign state driver's license
- Government-issued ID: Military, Passport, Permanent Resident Card, Department of Corrections, or Certificate of Citizenship/Naturalization
- Student Identification Card
- Employee Identification Card

Proof of PORT TOWNS residency can include (documents must be current):

- Rental lease
- County tax bill
- Current pay stub
- Vehicle registration
- Maryland voter's registration card
- Postmarked official mail (such as a utility bill)

WHAT IF I HAVE GOTTEN A DEVICE BEFORE?

You are not eligible if you have already received a device or a family member at the same address has been issued a Chromebook by the state of Maryland.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

To sign up, complete the information using this [link](#) or visit www.bladensburgmd.gov/community/chromebooks.php. The Town of Bladensburg will contact you by email or phone, and you will be asked to confirm and provide proof of eligibility.

WHAT IF I DON'T GET A DEVICE?

Prince George's County Library lends out a limited number of Chromebook Kits.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH MORE QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about this process, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jessica Amaya at 301-927-7048