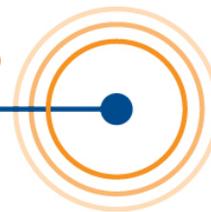


Get Connected – Minneapolis Everyone Online

Programs that help to provide Computers



Connect2Compete

www.Connect2Compete.org is a national initiative that provides an online tool for finding discounted Internet and computer offers based on zip code.

Free Geek – Computer Adoption Program

Volunteers are able to earn a free computer by participating in the "Adoption" program. The program teaches basic computer skills by performing such tasks as computer disassembly or some basic testing of hardware like keyboards; volunteers can also opt to build and test entire systems. After 24 hours of volunteering, participants can take home one of our refurbished computers. Free Geek Twin Cities encourages anyone to volunteer, whether you want to learn about computers, teach people about computers, or just hang out. Stop by: Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sunday 12-5 p.m. (closed Monday and Tuesday)

612-293-7339, <http://freegeektwincities.org/> 2537 25th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Computer Refurbishing Center

The University of Minnesota's Community Technology Services program takes donated computers and refurbishes them. To receive a free computer from the program, you must: Fall below the 150% poverty level or be on a government assistance program, live in the Twin Cities area, attend two computer classes of your choice and the Distribution Day Workshop, and volunteer for three hours in our office. There is also an option to buy a refurbished computer at a very low cost.

612-624-3556 UROC B-Tech Center, 2001 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411

bcd.umn.edu/Apply-Computer

PCs for People

To receive a computer from PCs for People a potential recipient must be below the 150% poverty level, have a family member with a disability, work with a social worker or involved in financial assistance programs. Individuals receiving a computer are asked to provide a small donation usually \$35-50. Many times government programs that clients are involved in will cover the donation.

PCs for People offers a low cost Internet option along with their computers: \$50 includes a mobile 4G portable hotspot and 3 months of Internet. Ongoing cost of Internet service is \$10 per month.

PCs for People also provides low cost computer repair for those eligible.

(651) 354-2552, www.pcsforpeople.com 1481 Marshall Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104

Minneapolis Public Schools

The Minneapolis Public Schools donate their used computers to families in their schools. Contact your school's principal to find out details.

See also Comcast and Century Link on next page

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Programs that help to provide Internet access

USI Wireless - Wireless Minneapolis

Residents and businesses within the City of Minneapolis can sign up for Internet service with USIW, starting at \$14.95 per month.

For more information contact: 952.253.3262 Email: info@usiwireless.com

Hours: 8am-midnight, 365 days a year <http://www.usiwireless.com/>

- **Free Hot Spots:** In addition, there are 117 Free Wireless Hotspots in Minneapolis where users can access the Internet for free. Look for the "USIW Free" network and connect. For security purposes, a credit card is required to login but there is no charge.
- **Civic Garden:** Within Minneapolis, you can access the Civic Garden for FREE where you will find useful, public sector information--no commercial or partisan websites are included, and many of the websites reflect city, county, and state resources. All Civic Garden sites are family-friendly. <http://wirelessminneapolis.org/>

Comcast Internet Essentials

Internet Essentials helps more students and families get online.

While participating in Internet Essentials, customers receive: Internet for \$9.95 a month; a computer available at initial enrollment for just \$149.99 + tax, access to free Internet training - online, in print and in person. To qualify, your household must meet all these criteria:

- Be located where Comcast offers Internet service
- Have at least one child receiving free or reduced price school lunches through the National School Lunch Program
- Have not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days
- Not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment

For more information call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) or go to www.internetessentials.com

CenturyLink Internet Basics

A program that offers high-speed Internet service for \$9.95. Participation in Internet Basics is based on guidelines for the federal Lifeline Affordable Telephone Service, a program CenturyLink also offers that provides discounted basic monthly telephone service for low-income consumers. May also qualify for \$150 notebook computer and basic computer training.

More information is available on the Internet Basics website: <http://www.centurylink.com/internetbasics> or call 800.366.8201

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FreedomPop Through Connect2Compete, Minneapolis residents in these zip codes are eligible for the free Internet service: 55402, 55403, 55404, 55408, 55411, 55413, 55414, 55415, 55454 and low cost options are available for anyone. Call 1-877-848-2810 for details.