



NEED HELP WITH HEATING AND/OR ELECTRIC BILLS ?  
YOU CAN NOW **APPLY ONLINE** FOR

- HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) and
- USF (Universal Service Fund)
- Online is the most efficient and timely way to apply

## Instructions for applying online

October 1, 2025 or later

You can apply or recertify for Home Energy Assistance(HEA) and Universal Service Fund(USF) benefits by going online to DCAid portal at <http://dcaid.dca.nj.gov/en-US/>

### **Important Login Information**

- Please be sure to remember your login details, as you'll need them to access the portal.

**Please make sure you have all required documents saved in your device before applying.**

**You won't be able to submit your application if any of these documents are missing:**

- ❖ **Social security cards for everyone in your household**
- ❖ **Proof of four consecutive weeks of income for all household members 18 and over.**
  - (Income includes, but is not limited to, employment pay stubs, unemployment, social security, SSI, pension, business income, rental income, food stamps, TANF, or zero-income statement)
- ❖ **Proof of residence:**
  - If you own your home: a copy of the current mortgage statement, tax bill, or deed.
  - If you rent: A copy of your current lease or letter from your landlord/tenant verification form.
- ❖ **Current utility bill:**

A copy of your most recent utility bill for gas and/or electric. Please provide the full first page of the bill as we cannot accept bill stubs.

If you have moved to a new address since you last applied for assistance, you must submit a NEW USF/HEA application (not a recertification).

### **Complete the following steps:**

**1. Sign in if you have an account/ create one if you don't have an account**

**2. Complete Program Qualifications**

If you had benefits for 2024-2025 season you will be asked to verify your SSN and date of birth. Then your data will automatically populate the application.

**4. Input required information**

Review & submit required information & required documentation by 06/30/2026.

**5. Submit your application. Don't wait.**

Be sure to click **submit** to finalize your application. You'll receive a confirmation once your application has been submitted. *CHECK YOUR SPAM FILE for emails from*

[USFHEA-application@dca.nj.gov](mailto:USFHEA-application@dca.nj.gov).

>>Please note and reference your application number (UAP--#####) in any inquiries.

Make sure to select the **Affordable Housing Alliance/AHA** as your agency so we are able to review your application.

Should you need additional supporting information from other NJ agencies or forms to complete the application, please click here [Link to Agencies and Forms for Applications](#)



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FY2026 PROGRAM INCOME LIMIT  
 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)  
 AND  
 THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF)  
 (60% State Median Income)

Household Size	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$4,167	\$50,005
2	\$5,449	\$65,392
3	\$6,732	\$80,778
4	\$8,014	\$96,165
5	\$,9296	\$111,551
6	\$10,578	\$126,937
7	\$10,819	\$129,822
8	\$11,059	\$132,707
9	\$11,299	\$135,592
10	\$11,540	\$138,477
11	\$11,780	\$141,362
12	\$12,021	\$144,247

Household members greater than 12 - Please add \$241 for each additional member for monthly income limit and add \$2,885 for each additional household member for annual income limit