

**Local Provider.
Endless Possibilities.**

RANDOLPH CONNECTION



WE ARE SERVING UP MORE SPEED FOR LESS \$\$\$

Our New Year's Resolution is to continue our efforts to provide our customers with the most advanced services. We plan to keep this resolution in 2023 by increasing our internet fiber speeds while putting more money in your

pocket. Two of our fiber packages will increase in speed, while each of our three packages decrease in price. We hope that this will provide an even better user experience and some economic relief.

So if you feel that after the holidays you have more connected devices in your home and you need more speed, now might be the time to choose *more*. Check out our new packages and resolve to get more in the new year!

Internet ONLY:

Res. Rate Bundles:

300/300
\$77.95

600/600
\$97.95

1 GIG/1GIG
\$137.95

300/300
\$82.95

600/600
\$102.95

1 GIG/1GIG
\$142.95

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR PHONE BILL?

Lifeline is a government assistance program that provides a monthly discount on telephone or broadband service to qualified low-income residents. Lifeline is designed to ensure that telephone remains affordable to all North Carolina residents. The Lifeline assistance program provides a \$9.25 discount for those with internet service of 25x3Mbps or higher, or, a \$5.25 discount for those with basic phone or basic phone only with below minimum broadband standards. You may qualify for Lifeline if your total household income is at, or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines; or if you, your dependent, or your household receives one of the following:

- Medicaid;
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA);
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps);
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs;

- Tribal-specific programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- General Assistance, Tribally-Administered Temporary
- Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF), Food
- Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR),
- Tribal Head Start (only households that meet the income qualifying standards).

Lifeline is available on either internet service (home or wireless) or phone service (home or wireless), but not both. You may not transfer your Lifeline discount to another person, even if he or she qualifies for Lifeline. If you believe you qualify for Lifeline, go to checklifeline.org to get qualified under the National Verifier, then contact us after you are qualified. Please note that you must enroll in Lifeline service and you must provide proof of eligibility before receiving support.

*Lifeline is only available to Randolph Communications' members.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ELIGIBLE FOR \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Who can apply?

High School seniors who live in a household served by Randolph Communications can apply for the scholarship. Randolph Communications will award up to eight scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000. There will be one scholarship awarded in each of our seven member regions, and one available in our non-member areas; however, if applicants do not qualify then no scholarship will be awarded in that region. This decision is at the discretion of the scholarship committee. The scholarship committee reserves the right to award that funding to another deserving applicant.

How are applicants judged?

The scholarship committee evaluates applicants on leadership in school participation, civic and other extracurricular activities, academic achievement, character, and the motivation to serve and succeed.

How do I apply?

Scholarship applications for students graduating in 2023 are available at www.rtc.net/scholarships, or obtained from the school Guidance Counselor. Deadline is **April 3, 2023**.

FRS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) offers an annual college scholarship program to help further higher education among rural youth. FRS awards scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university or vocational-technical school. The FRS College Scholarship Program seeks to encourage students to return to their rural communities upon completing their education. To apply, go to www.FRS.org/scholarships.

Deadline is February 8, 2023.



RANDOLPH COMMUNICATIONS DONATES TO LOCAL BANKS

Our Sixth Annual Food Harvest Drive was a great success! During the months of October and November, we collected 1,586 non-perishable food items. As we promised, Randolph Communications matched every donation totaling 3,712 non-perishable food items to be donated to local food banks in the areas we serve.

- Bennett School, located in Bennett, NC
- Christians United Incorporated of Southern Randolph County, located in Seagrove, NC
- CUOC of Lee County, located in Sanford, NC
- High Falls Area Food Pantry, located in Robbins, NC
- Liberty Association of Churches, located in Liberty, NC

- Robbins Area Christian Ministries Food Pantry located, in Robbins, NC
- Lydia's Place, located in Asheboro, NC

Our company's mission is to improve the lives of our customers and communities; so, giving back to the areas we serve means so much to Randolph Communications. THANK YOU to those individuals and businesses that helped make a difference in our community.

"Robbins food bank is so grateful to get so many donations to help those in the community in need. It is so greatly appreciated by so many. It helps so many people."

- Marlene, Volunteer at the Robbins Area Christian Ministries Food Pantry



PLAY OUR FREE COLLEGE BASKETBALL CONTEST



College Basketball season is here and coming soon will be the NCAA tournament. Have some fun and enjoy friendly competition with those in your community by participating in this FREE online basketball contest. Simply make your picks for the upcoming college basketball games and see how well you score against others players in your area. It's easy to enter, free of play, and all participants have a chance win one of several great prizes.

Your bracket will be available to complete after Selection Sunday when the NCAA announces which teams will be participating

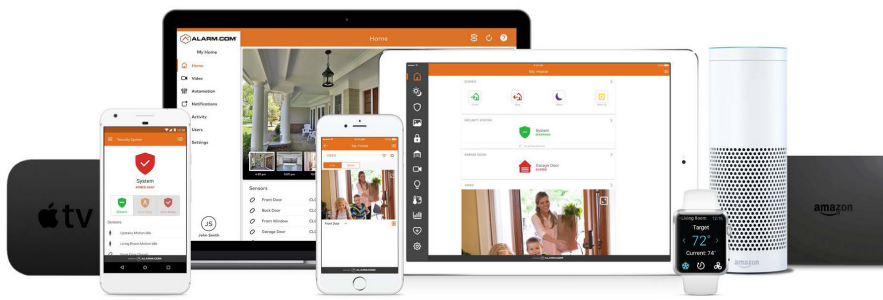
in the tournament at the beginning of March, and will be open for picks until five minutes before the first game of the tournament. No one may submit a bracket after that deadline.

Four reasons to sign up:

- ✓ Awesome prizes
- ✓ No cost to participate
- ✓ Easy to play
- ✓ Fun competition with fellow basketball fans

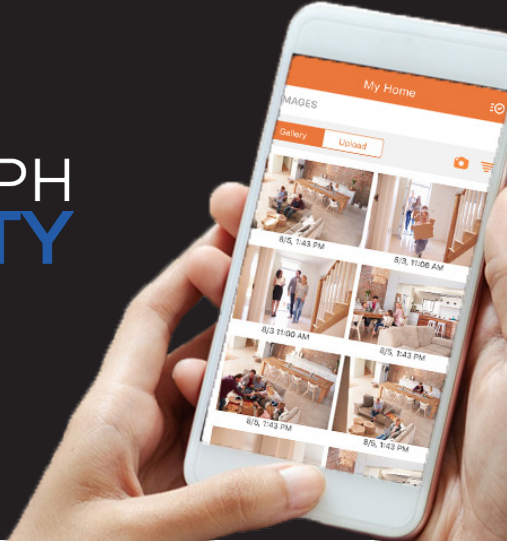
Sign up by visiting

<https://rtmc.pickitchallenge.com>



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AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

This federal program provides a discount of up to \$30 on the internet bills for households that meet certain income eligibility requirements.

For more information please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 8 - FRS Scholarship Due

Randolph Telephone Membership Corp. was established in 1954 as a member-owned cooperative now serving eight exchanges in seven different counties. Randolph Telephone provides complete communication services such as local telephone access, business telephone systems, high-speed internet, security, camera surveillance, computer services, web hosting and design and wireless services through its affiliate Randolph Communications.



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