



# Free Tablet or Laptop Program



It is important to the Waldo Broadband Corporation (WBC) Digital Equity Committee that all residents of Freedom, Liberty, Montville, Palermo, and Searsmont have access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet for work, education, entertainment, and telehealth. However, it is impractical to access internet without a device. To this end, WBC is working in collaboration with the Liberty Library to provide free devices to residents who demonstrate a need and provide free digital skills training and resources.

This pilot program will distribute 10 tablets and 10 laptops in 2026. Our goal is for the tablets to be distributed in late May/early June and laptops in late July/early August. Please fill out and return the **Affordable Device Application** and return it to your town's representative by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**:

- Liberty & Montville – Barb Rehmeyer at the Liberty Library
- Searsmont – Sarah Crosby at the Searsmont Town Office
- Palermo - Betsy Spence at the Palermo Library
- Freedom – Elaine Higgins at the Town Office

## Please read carefully!

In order to obtain a device you must agree to the following conditions:

1. Pick up the device at the Liberty Library, 59 Main St., Liberty, ME at a designated time.
2. Acquire membership at the Liberty Library, if you do not already have one. (The \$10 nonresident fee will be covered for Freedom, Palermo, and Searsmont residents.)
3. Create an email and a Google account, if you don't already have one.
4. Enroll and create a login for the National Digital Equity Center (NDEC).
5. Complete at least **6 classes or presentations** within **14 weeks**. This is approximately 6 hours of your time. The classes can be in-person or online and will include basic internet safety, device basics, and a telehealth component.
6. The device will be on loan from the Liberty Library until documentation of the completion of the 6 classes/presentations are received. The library will retain the certificates of completion. You will take sole ownership of the device upon meeting these requirements.
7. If you fail to complete the requirements within the designated time, you must return the device, and it will be wiped of personal data and reconfigured for another's use.

This will be a competitive program and unfortunately, not all who apply will receive a device. Provide as much compelling information as possible.

*WBC and Liberty Library have a duty to maintain the confidentiality of your affairs, including personal information. We will not use or disclose personal information for any purpose that is unrelated to the services we provide and that you would not reasonably expect without your consent.*

***Keep this sheet for your records. Do not return it with your application.***