Technology Empowerment Center: Receiving a Computer

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Technology Empowerment Center
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Minneapolis, MN 55411
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https://diversity.umn.edu/bced/tec

ELIGIBILITY
To receive a computer from the Technology Empowerment Center, you must have some type of income and fall below the 150% poverty level. Below are the current 2015 poverty guidelines:

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For those who fall under the income guidelines and may be receiving government assistance, documentation is needed for the entire household and includes any of the following:

- MFIP benefits statement
- General Assistance (GA) benefits statement
- The prior year's state, federal or tribal tax return
- Three consecutive months’ worth of income statements from an employer or paycheck stubs within the current calendar year
- A Veteran Administration statement of benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security statement
- An Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits
- Federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- Class enrollment for college bound students

If you are above the income guidelines, you can purchase a computer at a very low cost.

NOTE: WE ONLY ALLOW ONE COMPUTER PER HOUSEHOLD
Receiving a Computer

- **Fill out the application**
- **Take three computer classes**
- **Pay $50 for individuals or $100 for nonprofits**
- **Pick up your computer!**

To complete your application, **please bring in your proof of address and income**

See the back of this page for details on what qualifies as documentation

Register for and attend three computer classes
- **Internet Safety is mandatory**
- The other two classes are your choice!

$50 for individuals or $100 for nonprofits

Computer includes: computer tower, monitor, Microsoft software, keyboard, mouse, and 1 year warranty.

**We only accept money orders.** No cash, cards, or checks.

After you’ve completed the requirements, we will call you to schedule a time to pick up your computer. **This will be based on availability after your 3rd class.**

- We don’t recommend taking your computer home on the bus.
- Please set up your own transportation
Receiving a Computer: Individual and Family Application

Please fill out the following application to apply for a computer from the Technology Empowerment Center. The application can be returned to the Technology Empowerment Center located at the Robert J. Jones Urban Research & Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC):

Technology Empowerment Center
2001 Plymouth Ave. N.
Minneapolis, MN 55411

If you have any questions about the application or the program, please contact us at 612-624-3704 or, for more information visit us at https://diversity.umn.edu/bced/tec

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What is your ethnicity?

☐ African American  ☐ Caucasian  ☐ Male
☐ African  ☐ Chicano/Latino  ☐ Female
☐ Asian/Southeast Asian/Pacific Islander  ☐ Multi-ethnic
☐ American Indian/Native American
☐ Other

Gender

How would you rate your computer skills?

☐ No experience  ☐ Beginner  ☐ Intermediate  ☐ Advanced

Do you have DD214 papers showing honorable or general discharge from military service?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

What will your computer be used for?

Do you currently have access to a computer? If so, where?
Have you ever owned a computer (i.e. how long ago, what happened to it, do you still have it, etc.)?

How would receiving a computer from this program benefit you?

Below are the current 2015 poverty guidelines. **Please check the appropriate household size depending on if you are married or have kids.** We will need proof of your household income (you and your spouse’s income or government benefits).

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How did you hear about the program?

**Signature**

I understand the terms of the program and verify that all of the information provided above is true.

Applicant's Printed Name: ________________________________

Applicant's Signature: _________________________________ Date: _____________
Agreement/Disclaimer

Please initial by each of the agreements below:

1. __________ I agree not to sell this computer or obtain profit from it.

2. __________ I consent to have my picture or video taken while attending the computer classes to use for promotional and informational purposes through a variety of communication venues.

3. __________ I understand that I have to pay $50 for a computer. I also understand that I need to attend two computer classes of my choice and the Internet Safety class.

4. __________ I understand that the computer will be covered by a 1 year warranty. If the computer stops functioning, the Technology Empowerment Center will fix or replace it at no extra cost. The 1 year warranty will cover any hardware repairs that need to be made on the computer. If we can’t fix it, we will replace the computer for you (based on availability). The warranty does not include any software repairs, exposure to poor conditions, tampering, physical damage, lack of maintenance, and servicing done by you or others. The Technology Empowerment Center is not responsible for software they did not install and will charge a flat fee of $25 for any software related repairs. **Note: we will not fix your computer if you get viruses from illegal activities (i.e. illegal downloading) or visiting adult websites.**

5. __________ I understand that I am responsible for getting my computer home and it’s not the responsibility of the Technology Empowerment Center. (There will be a hand truck available for you to use to move the computer into your car.)

6. __________ I understand that the Technology Empowerment Center is not responsible for any injuries, damages, penalties, or losses, including legal costs and expenses, incurred by us or any other person caused by the transportation, installation, use of or any other matters relating to the computer.

7. __________ The statements on this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.