Preparing your Phone Bill

You must determine what is ineligible (2015 Eligible Services List is posted on the USAC Webpage.

Look at your phone bill, (also look at last year’s sample bill to see if there were any ineligible charges I listed for you). The following are examples of ineligible charges:

- late payment charges
- Account Maintenance charges or “fees”
- Internet monthly charges (which will be applied for separately if you are complying with the Children’s Internet Protective Act.
- Charges for calls billed on behalf of another provider (collect call from an AT&T pay phone) or USBI charges which do not participate with Erate.
- 900/976 call blocking
- custom calling services
- direct inward dialing
- directory assistance charges
- email
- inside wire maintenance plans (No longer eligible at all)

- paging
- text messaging
- voice mail
- web hosting

- Those of you who get an Erate discount on your bill monthly rather than applying for a check at the end of the funding year, be sure to add back any discount they deducted (CSQ, PHE, CAV). Look at last year’s example.