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# Steps for Applicants

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Schools and Libraries Tools:	Step Supp	7: Submit Your Applicat ort	tion for Program	works in conjunction with service providers to make sure these discounts are passed		
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Latest News     Calendar/Reminders	Step	Step 10: Begin Receipt of Services		(8/14/09) ss of improving its Schools and Libraries		
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Home

# On SL home page, enter search term.

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Skip to content			
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districts, and libraries to receive Schools and Libraries program support, commonly called 倜E-rateå€□ discounts.  http://www.universalservice.org/sl/applicants/step01/eligibility-requirements.aspx - 22.3KB	Highligh	<u>t</u>	
Step 6: Determine the Eligible Services - Applicants - Schools and Libraries - USAC Ordered and Certification Form (Form 471) to request discounts on the cost of eligible services to be delivered to eligible schools, libraries, and consortia of these entities. Eligibility for discounts requires that the produc	48% 24 Jul 0 <u>Find Sir</u> <u>Highligh</u> ct	<u>milar</u>	



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Submit a Question

#### Contact SLD SLD Home Site Map Search Site Schools and Libraries Service Program Description of Services Requested and Certification Form New Form 470 Application Be sure to review the Form 470 Instructions, available in the Applying for Discounts: Step-by-S of the SLD Web Site (http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/y4ez470guide.asp). And rem FCC Form 471 need additional help while you are filing your Form 470 online, click on the "Help" button in the hand corner of each screen. Attention MAC Users! If you are using Internet Explorer to access the online forms, you m double click the navigation buttons Enter Zip Code or Entity Number Select the type of search, then enter the search value, then click Begin 471 Process and Click Next: Zip Code: 0R Entity Number:

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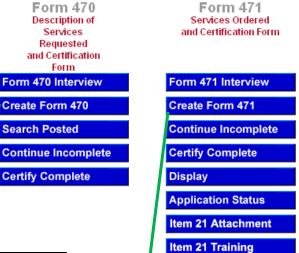


Schools and Libraries > Apply Online

### Schools & Libraries



## **Apply Online**



Form 486 Receipt of Service Confirmation Form

Form 486 Interview

Create Form 486

Continue Incomplete

Display

**Certify Complete** 

FCC Form

**BEAR Online** 

Need Help?

FRN Extension Status

Approval by OMR

Estimated Average Burden Hours: 1.5 hours For Subsequent Submissions: 1.5 hours

Utilities

**Entity Search** 

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Two-In-Five Tool

Schools and Libraries Universal Service Receipt of Service Confirmation Form

nt's Form Identifier rour own code to identify THIS Form 486.)
1: Billed Entity Information of Billed Entity

FCC Form 486: To be completed by the Billed Entity

Entity Number	3. Funding Year

e Mailing Address of Billed Entity

(enter value here)

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Add New 471 - Search

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C 470 Application Number (15 digits)

C Zip Code (5 digit) C Entity Number (up to 10 digits)

Begin 471 Process



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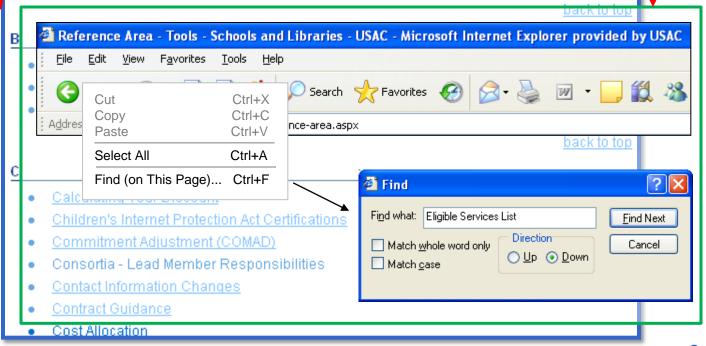
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- Alternative Discount Mechanisms Fact Sheet
- Appeals SLD Guidelines for Review
- Appeals Procedure

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Audits



#### Search Tools



## Select tool for specific tasks

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Search Commitments
 Data Retrieval Tool

Form 470 Search Posted
 Form 470 Download Reports

Form 471 Application Display

Form 471 Application Status

Billed Entity Number Search

Service Provider Info by SPIN

Tech Plan Approver Locator

Eligible Products Database

FRN Extension Table

SPIN Contact Search

Eligible Services List

Applicant PIN System.

Two-in-Five Tool

Deadlines Tool

requested information.
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## **Select**

Submitting A Complaint

Search tools links expand

	Name of Tool	Description
	<u>Search Commitments</u>	This tool allows searches for commitment data by funding year and applicant name, city, state, zip and/or wave number.
	Data Retrieval Tool	This tool allows searches for various information related to applications, funding commitments and disbursements.
	<u>Deadlines</u>	This tool was designed to explain and help you calculate deadlines for Universal Service forms and actions.
	Form 470 Search Posted	This tool allows searches of Forms 470 that have been completed and posted by applicants.
	Form 470 Download Reports	This tool allows downloads of Form 470 summary information.
ļ	Form 471 Application Display	This tool allows the display of one Form 471 application.
	Form 471 Application Status	This tool returns information on the status of all Forms 471 for one applicant and one funding year.
	Funding Request Number Extension Table	This tool shows the last date to receive service and the last date to invoice for extended FRNs in a funding year.
	Billed Entity Number Search	This tool allows users to search for Billed Entity Numbers (BENs).



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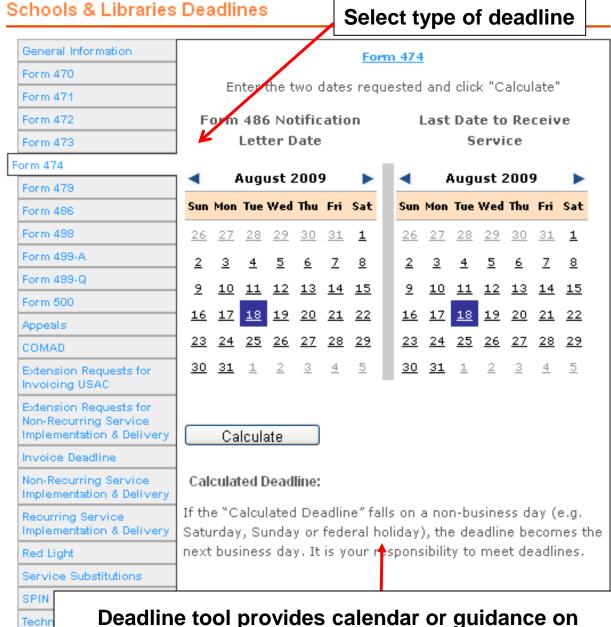
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  - Form 471 Application Display





Deadline tool provides calendar or guidance on calculating the deadline for that selection.



## Search for Commitments

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14,016

3.790

60.96 %

16 48 %

School District

Library/Library Consortium



## Commitments – FY2009

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## **Quick Facts - National Summary**

Quick Facts	Value
Year:	2009
Last wave FCDL:	8/18/2009
Total Amount Committed:	\$717,953,280.40
Total letters issued:	22,992
Average amount/application	\$31,226.22



## **National Analysis by Applicant Type**

Applicant Type	Letters Issued	% of Letters Issued	Total Amount	% of Total
School District	14,016	60.96 %	\$602,176,860.08	83.87 %
Library/Library Consortium	3,790	16.48 %	\$47,263,432.35	6.58 %
School	4,850	21.09 %	\$38,127,052.76	5.31 %
SLC Consortium	336	1.46 %	\$30,385,935.21	4.23 %
TOTAL	22,992	100.00 %	\$717,953,280.40	100.00 %

## National Analysis by Service and Discount Band

Discount Bracket	Internal Connections	Internet Access	Telecomm. Services	BMIC	Total Amount	% of Total
20-29%	\$0.00	\$341,836.93	\$1,226,095.60	\$0.00	\$1,567,932.53	0.22 %
30-39%	\$0.00	\$749,530.60	\$3,841,702.01	\$0.00	\$4,591,232.61	0.64 %
40-49%	\$0.00	\$17,883,312.81	\$71,072,479.18	\$0.00	\$88,955,791.99	12.39 %
50-59%	\$0.00	\$17,663,285.08	\$65,719,145.70	\$0.00	\$83,382,430.78	11.61 %
60-69%	\$0.00	\$29,998,655.76	\$113,382,419.74	\$0.00	\$143,381,075.50	19.97 %
70-79%	\$0.00	\$44,885,907.63	\$118,805,260.65	\$0.00	\$163,691,168.28	22.80 %
80-89%	\$0.00	\$40,499,253.72	\$127,947,428.94	\$0.00	\$168,446,682.66	23.46 %
90%	\$0.00	\$16,963,837.96	\$46,973,128.09	\$0.00	\$63,936,966.05	8.91 %
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$168,985,620.49	\$548,967,659.91	\$0.00	\$717,953,280.40	100.00 %



## Commitments – FY2009, Wave 17

Search

## **Automated Search of Commitments**

Start Over

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Basic Search:

Funding Year:

1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 206

Wave:

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## Wave State Reports

For a list of entities that received funding commitments in your state, click on the total amount to the right of the state name. To download this report, click on the Excel icon below. To return to the previous page, click on the highlighted funding year at the top of the page.

PLEASE NOTE: Funding commitments are updated nightly, and may change due to appeals, COMADs, and other funding adjustments. In addition, split FRNs created after a funding commitment wave is issued will not show up in this report.

The following report revects Real-time data that is current as of 8/18/2009 12:12:30 PM. The results are from FY2009, wave 017 released on 8/18/2009

State	TOTAL
ALABAMA	\$196,297.39
ALASKA	\$0.00
AMERICAN SAMOA	\$0.00
ARIZONA	\$189,883.87
ARKANSAS	<u>\$2,119.32</u>
CALIFORNIA	<u>\$4,581,682.24</u>
COLORADO	\$257,207.86
CONNECTICUT	<u>\$170,750.18</u>
DELAWARE	\$0.00
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$0.00
FLORIDA	<u>\$2,900,538.14</u>
GEORGIA	<u>\$1,742,237.00</u>
GUAM	\$0.00





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#### **Wave State Reports**

ARKANSAS

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COLORADO

FLORIDA

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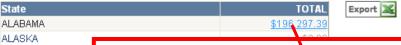
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Export

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<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type</u>	Service Service	Discount %	Amount
BARBOUR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	COURTHOUSE CLAYTON, AL 36016	School District	Telcomm	90 %	\$3,262.79
BARBOUR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	COURTHOUSE CLAYTON, AL 36016	School District	Telcomm	90 %	\$2,935.55
BARBOUR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	COURTHOUSE CLAYTON, AL 36016	School District	Telcomm	90 %	\$3,775.68
BARBOUR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	COURTHOUSE CLAYTON, AL 36016	School District	Telcomm	90 %	\$4,457.38
BARBOUR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	COURTHOUSE CLAYTON, AL 36016	School District	Telcomm	90 %	\$18,003.60
HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF ED	404 W WASHINGTON ST DOTHAN, AL 36301	School District	Telcomm	74 %	\$2,351.16
HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF ED	404 W WASHINGTON ST DOTHAN, AL 36301	School District	Telcomm	71 %	\$48,633.52
HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF ED	404 W WASHINGTON ST DOTHAN, AL 36301	School District	Telcomm	78 %	\$43,735.72
HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF ED	404 W WASHINGTON ST DOTHAN, AL 36301	School District	Telcomm	74 %	\$54,134.79
LEEDS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	8121 PARKWAY DRIVE LEEDS, AL 35094	School District	Internet Access	74 %	\$5,328.00
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### Schools and Libraries Tools:

## Outreach and Training

Applicant Brochure [PDF, 442kb]

Service Provider Brochure [PDF, 386kb]

Training Presentations

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Tip Sheets

Approving Technology Plans [PPT, 136kb]

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## Training Presentations

In 2005, USAC conducted a series of training sessions, called the ABC's of the Schools and Libraries Program, for applicants and service providers in 4 locations: Washington, DC; Chicago, II; Los Angeles; and Newark, NJ. Prior to 2005, USAC provided "Train the Trainer" sessions for state and U.S. territory coordinators that train or assist in the training of applicants. The workshop presentations are issuesfocused, and cover updates, developments, and specific topics related to the Schools and Libraries Program.

Listed below are the PowerPoint presentations from 2001-2005 used in those training sessions.

2005 ABC's of the Schools and Libraries Program Presentations

#### Training Presentations

- 2005 ABC's of the Schools and Libraries Program Presentations
- 2004 Train the Trainer Presentations
- 2004 Train the Trainer Presentations (Spanish)
- 2003 Train the Trainer Presentations
- 2002 Train the Trainer Presentations
- 2001 Train the Trainer Presentations

#### Prior Year Wave Information

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This page contains the PowerPoint presentations that were used in the 2005 ABC's of the Schools and Libraries Program Training sessions.

- ABCs of E-rate [PPT, 395kb]
- Eligible Products and Services [PPT, 274kb]
- New and Updated Systems Enhancements [PPT, 383kb]
- Program Compliance 2005 [PPT, 344KB]
- DRAFT 2006 Eligible Services List [PDF, 2,378kb].
- DRAFT 2006 ESL Changes Summary [PDF, 61kb]



## THE ABCs OF E-RATE

John Noran
Schools and Libraries Division
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Washington Chicago Sept. 30, 2005 Oct. 6, 2005

Los Angeles Oct. 11, 2005 Newark Oct. 21, 2005



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## Service Provider Conference Call Archives

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#### 2008 Schedule

January 2, 2008 February 6, 2008

June 11

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July 2, 2008 August 6, 2008

March 5
April 2.

Agend for January 2, 2008

April 30 Service Provider Conference Call Agenda 3:00 PM EST

Service Provider Calls

Call Minutes

New Call in number: (888) 453-6 Pass code: 1390177#

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- F. Invoicing Deadline January

Minutes for January 2, 2008

Service Provider Conference Call Minutes

Service Provider Calls

Call Agenda

- Archived Conference Calls
- Submit a Question

A. Revised Date for 2008 Service Provider Conference Calls

Monthly service provider calls will now be held on the **first** Wednesday of each month. The time, call-in number, and passcode will remain the same.

B. Funding Commitments for FY2007

USAC has not issued any FY2007 funding waves since the last service provider call.

Watch the <u>SL News Brief</u> that is issued each Friday for information about funding waves for the following week.

You can find information on commitments by using the <u>Automated Search of</u> Commitments tool on the USAC website.

Remember that we are posting information on appeal waves and prior year waves for each month in the <u>Applicant Conference Call</u> section of the Outreach and Training webpage.

C. Service Provider Training - Spring 2008

We are planning to hold two service provider training sessions in April 2008 – one in the East and one in the West. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for locations, subjects to cover, etc.



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### Schools and Libraries News Brief

May 29, 2009

TIP OF THE WEEK: Before PIA review starts, review your Receipt Acknowledgment Letter (RAL) carefully and submit any allowable corrections to USAC as soon as possible. Remember that the RAL correction deadline is 20 days after the date of the letter.

#### Commitments for Funding Years 2009 and 2008

Funding Year 2009. USAC will releat Letters (FCDLs) June 2. This wave will (Telecommunications Services and Int levels. As of May 29, FY2009 commitments

Funding Year 2008. USAC will releat include commitments for approved Int 88% and above and denials at 86% ar \$2.27 billion.

On the day the FCDLs are mailed, you USAC's <u>Automated Search of Commit</u>

#### Filing Form 486 Early

Emailed each week

- Subscribe from website
- Cover topics of current interest
- Archive of past issues

Now that USAC has started issuing funce see if they are eligible to file FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation Form, early. Form 486 notifies USAC that invoices can be paid, provides the name(s) of the USAC-certified Technology Plan Approver(s) that approved the appropriate technology plans, and certifies the status under the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).



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  - Training Presentations
  - Service Provider Conference Calls
  - Prior Year Wave Information
  - HATS Outreach
  - Schools & Libraries News
     Briefs
- HATS Outreach
- Filing Appeals
- Understanding Audits

#### Schools and Libraries Tools:



## Tip Sheets

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#### Schools & Libraries - Application Do's and Don'ts

#### APPLICANT CHECKLIST

#### Pre-Application Process

- ✓ DO verify that your technology plan has the 5 required elements: Goals, Professional
  - Development, Needs Assessment, Bud
- DO create or write your technology pla
- DO have a USAC-certified technology services start.

#### Form 470 and Competitive Bidding

- ✓ DO list your requested services on you
- DO list your requested services in the Internet Access, Internal Connections,
- DO mark the correct boxes in Block 2
- DO certify your Form 470 prior to the
- DO ensure a fair and open competitive equally and cannot be given biased or
- ✓ DO complete your Item 21 Attachment
- DO split out requests of questionable e (FRNs).
- ✓ DO check your math. The Form 471 ar
- ✓ DO file electronically and DO certify or
- ✓ DO keep a record of postmark or elect

- One-page high-level guidance documents on major program topics
- Contain links to guidance documents
- Available on website and during HATS visits

#### For additional information, please use the USAC resources listed below:

Technology Plan Approvers: http://www.usac.org/si/tools/reference/tech/default.asp

Form 470 Questions: http://usac.org/sl/applicants/step03/form470-filing-information.aspx

Calculating Discount Levels: <a href="http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05">http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05</a>
<a href="http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step07">http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05</a>



# Questions?