

E-Rate and Broadband Form Table

February 23, 2026



<p>Annual E-Rate Cycle:</p> <p>Step 1: Plan</p> <p>Step 2: Form 470 (if applicable)</p> <p>Step 3: Form 471 Funding Application</p> <p>Step 4: Receive Funding Commitment, Form 486</p> <p>Step 5: Invoice USAC (applicant or vendor)</p> <p>Step 6: Documentation Retention (10 years)</p>	<p>Applies To School Year (E-Rate Funding Year):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SY 26-27 (Funding Year 2026) 2. SY 26-27 (Funding Year 2026) 3. Open Now – Closes Wed. April 1, 9:59pm MT 4. SY 25-26 (Funding Year 2025) 5. SY 25-26 (Funding Year 2025) 6. All
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FCC Form	470	Admin Window	471	486	472	500, or Service Substitution
When	For new contracts	Every Year				As needed
Purpose	Solicit bids/quotes for service/hardware	Maintain current information	Apply For Funding	Enables Invoicing	E-Rate Invoicing	Report a change to a funded application
Timeline	July – January	November – December	January – March	Once service and/or hardware is officially delivered and in use.	Invoice E-Rate for reimbursement. Not applicable if service provider discounts line item.	500: Changes involving dates on application, deadlines, cancellations. Service Substitution: Change bandwidth or vendor/hardware.
Step	Step 2	Step 1	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	As needed

For more information, visit <https://boardofed.idaho.gov/k-12-education/broadband-and-e-rate-services/>

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