

Application for FY26 Texas State Match Form.A

(insert school district or consortium name here) is hereby applying to the Texas Education Agency for FY26 Texas State Match funds to be used for E-rate special construction charge eligible project(s) under the eligibility requirements for the 2026 E-rate funding year (FY26).

Information pertaining the applicant’s E-rate Form 471 request is below:

FY 26 Form 471 Application Number: _____
Applicant E-rate discount percentage (excluding State Match) _____
Funding Request Number (FRN): _____
Additional Funding Request Number (FRN): _____
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Total eligible project amount: \$ _____
Total state matching fund request: \$ _____

Eligibility Certification:

By signing below, the applicant certifies that:

1. The projects for which E-Rate funds are sought to provide network facilities in public rights-of-way or public utility easements.
2. Funding will not be used to build any physical network segment of broadband infrastructure on school district property that specifically connects end users to the main internet network (e.g., last-mile network), unless the property is listed as an [unserved or underserved location](#) as identified by the Texas Broadband Development Office.
3. In cases where broadband infrastructure must be built on school district property that is considered served and ineligible for last-mile funding, the funded infrastructure will only include physical equipment that carries a signal from interconnection points and aggregation facilities to a demarcation point, access point, or physical location at which two or more networks or communication devices share a connection (e.g., middle-mile network).
4. Only special construction charges associated with the middle-mile transport infrastructure (as defined in Utilities Code §43.003(5)) portion of the project(s) are eligible for the FY2026 state match, and only if these circuits are necessary for the utilization of services by the eligible entities.
5. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis for eligible entities based upon receipt of the Form.A by TEA. Form 471 must be submitted and certified before Form.A submittal to TEA.

If USAC seeks a commitment adjustment, or COMAD, from the applicant for eligible charges because of violations of rules and regulations of the E-rate program, the Commissioner, or his or her designee, at his or her sole discretion, may seek to recover any state funds granted to Texas applicants for the eligible charges.

PLACE ON DISTRICT OR CONSORTIUM LETTERHEAD

The district/consortium understands that any awarded funds will be expended only for the stated purpose and that any undiscounted portions of the work shall be at the sole cost of the district.

SIGNATURES:

_____ **DATE:** _____
Superintendent Signature

(Insert Typed Superintendent Name
Insert District Name)