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#### **Meet Our Team**



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# **Agenda**

- Questions and Answers Review
- Office Hour: Q&A Session



# **Questions and Answers Review**

#### FAQ Set 1

- I work for a library. How do I look up my NSLP?
- Can I work only with the USAC Tribal liaison to answer E-Rate's questions?
- I am worried about missing the deadline. What can I do if I can't file my FCC Form 471 before the March 22 deadline?
- Can a Tribal Council submit a letter instead of a Tribal resolution?
- Where can I find the slide decks for the previous trainings?
- We might have staff changes this summer. Is there a way to update our contacts for our application in my cycle?
- How does E-Rate communicate with applicants? Through email?
- How long do we have comply with CIPA? We need time to organize a public meeting during COVID.
- The consortium that we want join charges a fee. Is that okay?
- Should Tribal libraries seeking eligibility under a Tribal resolution or letter wait until the Tribal Library Order takes effect on March 16 to certify the FCC Form 470 or create profiles?

#### FAQ Set 2

- I am taking over my entity's application and trying to find our files. How can I figure out where we're at in our application process?
- How long should I wait to check on the progress of my CSC ticket?
  - How do I file a complaint?
- I have heard the term PIA a couple of times, what does it mean?
- When do we found out if we'll receive E-Rate support?
- What if I miss a deadline? What can I do to get back on track?
- If I am experiencing trouble in EPC, who do I call?
- What if I need to use the SPI Form but my service provider refuses this method?
- Can I change the weighted values on the sample discount matrix?

#### FAQ Set 3

- What is the CSC? I thought we should call the CSB for help?
- I am a library, but can I join a school's consortium if they let me?
- There are several neighboring Tribes in my area. Can we start a consortium?
- If I have questions after watching one of the training videos online, who can I contact?
- I want a copy of the FCC Form 470 to fill out before I enter information into EPC. Is there a sample form available?
- Where can I find a blank FCC Form 471 to fill out?
- Does every library in my consortium need an account administrator?
- Does the account administrator need to be a librarian or school administrator?

# **Questions?**

### **Upcoming Trainings**

- FY2022 E-Rate Tribal Training Series
  - Completed Sessions.

A recording will be available on the **E-Rate Tribal Training** page.

- Session 1: E-Rate Tribal Info Session
- Session 2: FCC Form 470 Walkthrough for Tribal applicants (The First Form)
- Session 3: Office Hours for Tribal Applicants
- Upcoming Sessions.
  - Session 4: FCC Form 471 Walkthrough for Tribal applicants (The Second Form) Register March 8, 2022 at 4 p.m. ET
  - Session 5: Office Hours for Tribal Applicants Register
    March 15, 2022 at 4 p.m. ET

#### **Resources**

- <u>E-Rate Tribal Training webpage</u>
- E-Rate Webinars
- Video Tutorials
- E-learning Modules
- E-Rate Program Applicant Document Retention List

#### **Additional Resources**

- <u>Subscribe</u> to the E-Rate News Brief and the E-Rate Tribal e-Newsletter
  - Deadline reminders
  - Training announcements
- Customer Service Center (CSC)
  - Call us at (888) 203-8100
  - Monday Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET
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