



USAC Letter of Agency Template

The E-Rate program rules require that a consortium member have a signed letter of agency with the consortium leader that authorizes the consortium leader to take specific actions on behalf of each consortium member. This is a sample letter of agency that can be modified as appropriate by a consortium leader and the consortium's members to accurately describe what specific actions the consortium leader may take on behalf of the consortium members and that the consortium member is eligible to participate in the E-Rate program and will comply with the E-Rate program rules.

Instructions: Replace all red and/or bracketed text with the appropriate information for your consortium. As explained above, please modify the letter of agency as necessary to reflect the agreement between the consortium leader and the consortium members. For example, this sample letter authorizes the consortium to file several forms on the member's behalf, in addition to conducting the competitive bidding process by filing the FCC Form(s) 470 on the member's behalf and selecting the most cost-effective service provider(s) to provide the requested equipment and/or services for the consortium. If you do not want to authorize the consortium leader to file all the forms listed on your behalf, you or your consortium leader should change the sample language below so that this Letter of Agency does not authorize the consortium leader to file FCC Form(s) 471 or other forms on your behalf.

[Consortium Address]

Re: Letter of Agency for Funding Year 20XX – 20XX

This Letter of Agency confirms our participation in the [name of Consortium] E-Rate Consortium for the procurement of [list services and products]. I hereby authorize [name of Consortium] to submit [select the appropriate forms, e.g., FCC Form(s) 470, 471, 472/474, 486, 498, 500, SPIN Change and Service Substitution Requests] to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) on behalf of [Insert Entity Name].

I understand that, in submitting these forms on our behalf, you are making certifications for [Insert Entity Name]. By signing this Letter of Agency, I make the following certifications:

a) **ONLY FOR SCHOOL-RELATED LOA:** I certify that [our school, schools in our district] are all schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools as defined under 47 C.F.R. § 54.500, do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.

ONLY FOR LIBRARY-RELATED LOA: I certify that [our library, libraries in our system] is/are a library eligible for support because it is eligible for assistance from a State Library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act that it/they do not operate as for-profit businesses, and whose budgets are completely separate from any schools (including, but not limited to elementary, secondary schools, colleges, or universities).



b) I certify that our [Insert Type of Entity (e.g., school, school district(s), library(ies))] has/have secured access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity, necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that to the extent that the billed entity is passing through the non-discounted charges for the services requested under this Letter of Agency, that the entities I represent have secured access to all of the resources to pay the non-discounted charges for eligible services and products from funds to which access has been secured in the current funding year.

c) I certify that the services the school, library, or district purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. § 254 will be used primarily for educational purposes, see 47 C.F.R. § 500, and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.513.

d) I certify that our [Insert Type of Entity (e.g., school, school district(s), library(ies))] has/have complied with all program rules and I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. I acknowledge that failure to comply with program rules could also result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

e) I acknowledge that the discount level used for shared services is conditional for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service, receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.

f) I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least 10 years after the later of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the associated funding request. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission's rules regarding the application for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts, and that if audited, I will make such records available to USAC.



g) I certify that I am authorized to order the eligible equipment and services for the eligible entity(ies) covered by this Letter of Agency. I certify that I am authorized to make this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) covered by this Letter of Agency, that I have examined this Letter, that all of the information on this Letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entities that will be receiving discounted equipment and/or services under this Letter have complied with the terms, conditions and purposes of the E-Rate program, that no kickbacks were paid to anyone, and that false statements can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.

h) I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the Schools and Libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program. I will institute reasonable measures to be informed, and will notify USAC should I be informed or become aware that I or any of the entities, or any person associated in any way with my entity and/or the entities, is convicted of a criminal violation or held civilly liable for acts arising from their participation in the Schools and Libraries support mechanism.

i) I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the non-discount portion of the costs for eligible services will not be paid by the service provider(s). I acknowledge that the provision, by the provider of a supported service, of free services or products unrelated to the supported service or product constitutes a rebate of some or all of the cost of the supported services.

j) I certify that I am authorized to sign this Letter of Agency and, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all information provided to [name of Consortium] for our entity(ies) participation in the E-Rate program is accurate and true.

Name of Entity: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ (Month, DD, YYYY) Name: _____

Title: _____