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| October 28 | Invoice deadline for FY 2021 recurring service FRNs and/or the deadline for requesting a one-time 120-day extension to February 27, 2023. |
| October 31 | The first Form 486 deadline for FY 2022 Waves 1-11, committed before July 1, 2022. |

E-Rate Pilot Program for Tribal Libraries:

The FCC [announced](#) a pilot program aimed at helping Tribal libraries apply for E-rate funding during the upcoming FY 2023 funding cycle. The new program, staffed by USAC, will provide one-on-one assistance in all aspects of preparing, applying, and receiving E-rate support. For more information, see [Tribal Libraries E-Rate Pilot Program](#).

Tribal libraries may also want to explore the \$2 billion in broadband connectivity funding available through the NTIA under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act’s Tribal Connectivity Technical Amendments portion of the [Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Program](#) (“BEAD”).

USAC E-Rate News Brief Dated October 20 – Administrative Window and Other Topics

[USAC’s E-Rate News Brief of October 20, 2022](#), provides the following tips for applicants needing to update their EPC entity data in preparation for the FY 2023 application window. The “administrative window” for making these changes opens Tuesday, October 25th, and will close shortly before the Form 471 window opens in mid-January.

- Update student enrollment and NSLP data (including Category 2 student counts).
- Add new entities if needed.
- Submit any FY 2022 RAL modifications or appeals before updating EPC profiles.
- Small school districts (ten or fewer schools) should consider reporting student counts for Category 2 budget purposes on a school-by-school basis.
- Charter schools associated with a public school district and planning to apply using their own Category 2 budget will need to demonstrate financial and administrative independence.
- Independent schools with only part-time students can count those students as full-time.
- Only five school types may be shown as having zero students but still count as a part of a Category 2 budget calculation.
- Library branches showing zero square footage will not count as a part of a Category 2 budget calculation.
- USAC will hold an [EPC Administrative Window Webinar](#) on October 27th.

Last week’s News Brief also discusses:

- List of USAC’s fall training webinars.

- Review of the extended service delivery deadlines for certain non-recurring FY 2020 and FY 2021 funding requests (see our [newsletter of September 26th](#)).
- Recent EPC updates to the Form 498 for applicants.

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