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**Subject:** Application Window for Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program Opens on September 17

On September 4, 2024, the FCC released a Public Notice announcing the filing window for eligible schools and libraries to submit the FCC Form 484 Part 1 to apply to participate in the FCC's [Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program](#) (Pilot Program) ([Public Notice DA 24-887](#)).

Tribal schools and libraries may apply for the Pilot Program and the FCC will prioritize Tribal and low income applicants during the selection process. The application filing window opens on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 8 a.m. E.T., and closes on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. E.T. Applicants that are selected to participate in the Pilot Program will be required to submit more detailed information in Part 2 of the form, and can request support for eligible cybersecurity services and equipment during the Pilot Program FCC Form 471 application filing window in 2025.

### **About the Cybersecurity Pilot Program**

Modeled after the Connected Care Pilot Program, the Pilot Program will make \$200 million in Universal Service Fund support available to participating schools and libraries to defray the costs of eligible cybersecurity services and equipment.

For more information about the Pilot Program, we encourage you to view the FCC's July 23, 2024 informational webinar, a recording of which is available [HERE](#). You can also visit the FCC's Pilot Program webpage, available [HERE](#).

### **Pilot Program Eligibility**

Schools, libraries, and consortia of eligible schools and libraries that meet the [E-Rate program's eligibility requirements](#) may apply to participate in the Pilot Program. Applicants need not be current or former E-Rate program participants in order to be eligible to apply.

### **How to Apply**

Eligible applicants will need to complete the Cybersecurity Pilot Program application, FCC Form 484 Part 1, and submit it during the Pilot Program application window, which runs from September 17, 2024 through November 1, 2024. The form will be made available on September 17<sup>th</sup> through the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) system on USAC's website. (USAC is the FCC's Administrator for the Pilot

Program.) For more information about the application process, please see the FCC's [Pilot Program Applicant Guide](#).

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