

Your Guide to FY2020

The FCC released new rules for broadband services funding in 2020 and 2021. Here's what E-rate applicants need to know for FY2020:



Important Dates:

- January 15, 2020:** Filing Window Open
- April 1, 2020:** Last Day to Submit FCC Form 470
- April 29, 2020:** Filing Window Close at 11:59PM

Category 2 budgets will be calculated using the same per-site methodology used in FY2015-2019.

Tip: Unused Category 2 site budgets will expire at the end of FY2020.

Category 2 budgets will receive a one-time dose of extra funding in FY2020 – a 20% increase.

Tip: This is a unique opportunity for applicants, be sure to take advantage of this increase!

Category 2 budget multipliers for FY2020:

- \$195.63/student:** Schools
- \$6.52/square foot:** Entities at the Funding Floor
- \$3.00/square foot:** Libraries with IMLS Locale Codes 11, 12, 21
- \$11,998.43/site:** Libraries with all other IMLS Locale Codes



Estimate the amount of financial support available using the Funds For Learning [Category 2 Budget Calculator](#)

The E-rate Eligible Services List has limited changes from FY2019. [Click here](#) for the FY2020 Eligible Services List.

Tip: The eligibility of Category 2 caching services, Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections and Managed Internal Broadband Services has been retained.

The key to planning a successful Category 2 E-rate funding application for 2020 is straightforward:

1. Forecast each site's I.T. infrastructure needs from mid-2020 through late 2021.
2. Review the E-rate eligible services list.
3. Estimate the available financial support for each site.