

Request for Waiver

Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library is requesting a filing waiver for FCC Form 471 for E-Rate Funding Year 2019. FCC Form 470 (attached to this petition) was filed and certified in good faith on February 26, 2019 2:58 EST with full intention to file the FCC Form 471 so that we could secure the E-Rate funding which would directly benefit a small, rural community with very limited internet resources which are provided gratis to the County with a high poverty rate. According to the 2010 U.S. Census Data (<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/time-series/demo/census-poverty-tool.html>),

the poverty rate in Lincoln County, Tennessee was 16.4 percent, which is up from the 13.6 percent poverty rate that was reported by the U.S. Census Bureau during the 2000 U.S. Census. These figures are staggering and underscore the significant need for internet services to support Lincoln County and its residents, which the library is attempting to do by pursuing E-Rate funding to directly benefit Lincoln County and county residents. Unfortunately, the deadline to file the FCC Form 471 was missed and we are now requesting the filing waiver for the FCC Form 471 for Funding Year 2019. This type waiver has not been requested by our organization previously, and we are requesting an exception in this one instance for the benefit of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.