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April 27, 2024

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 Augusta Independent  
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 Carter County  
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 East Bernstadt Independent  
 Elliott County  
 Estill County  
 Fairview Independent  
 Fayette County  
 Fleming County  
 Floyd County  
 Franklin County  
 Frankfort Independent  
 Greenup County  
 Harlan Independent  
 Harrison County  
 Jackson County  
 Jackson Independent  
 Jenkins Independent  
 Jessamine County  
 Johnson County  
 Knott County  
 Knox County  
 Lawrence County  
 Lee County  
 Leslie County  
 Letcher County  
 Lewis County  
 Lincoln County  
 Logan County  
 Madison County  
 Magoffin County  
 Martin County  
 Mason County  
 McCreary County  
 Menifee County  
 Mercer County  
 Middlesboro Independent  
 Montgomery County  
 Morgan County  
 Newport Independent  
 Nicholas County  
 Owsley County  
 Paintsville Independent  
 Paris Independent  
 Perry County  
 Pike County  
 Pikeville Independent  
 Pineville Independent  
 Powell County  
 Pulaski County  
 Raceland-Worthington Ind.  
 Robertson County  
 Rockcastle County  
 Rowan County  
 Russell Independent  
 Science Hill Independent  
 Scott County  
 Somerset Independent  
 Wayne County  
 Whitley County  
 Williamsburg Independent  
 Wolfe County  
 Woodford County

**TO: KEDC Member Superintendents**

**FROM: Ms. Nancy Hutchinson, Chief Executive Officer**

Happy Spring! As the spring rains come and the sun shines down getting warmer and warmer, we want to wish you a happy end to your school year! Another one almost down they say!

Enclosed you will find two copies of a KEDC Membership Form for your review. It includes a statement to be signed by your Board Chairperson certifying approval and includes lines to indicate the Board Order Number. The back of the form includes E-Rate language that is part of and referenced in the membership agreement, so please include front and back on any copies. Please return an original signed membership form by mail (*not faxed*) by June 28, 2024.

**Board Membership** includes but is in no way limited to:

- **Networking and professional development opportunities** for Superintendents and school personnel including Principals, Inst. Technology, Counselors, PDC’s, DTC’s, Food Service, Finance, Facilities and more!
- **Communication/Marketing Blitzes** – *we love promoting our school districts!*
- **Advice and limited legal services** from the KEDC Board Attorney;
- **Advice and information services** from the KEDC Facilities Consultant;
- **Instructional Support** and leadership development services thru Professional Learning workshops and via KEDC’s Instructional consultants;
- **Grant Opportunities** through Special Education, Adult Education, Technology, Arts, History, Safety Initiatives, Mental Health, and more;
- **PurchasePros Membership** including access to collective bidding, purchasing, and technology services;
- **Salary Surveys & Rankings, Minority Recruitment advertising,**  
*...and much, much more!!*

If you have any questions, or for additional information on KEDC services, visit [www.kedc.org](http://www.kedc.org) or call 1-800-737-0204.



# Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC)

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## Mercer County 2024-2025 COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

\$5660.48

- **Networking and professional development opportunities** for Superintendents and school personnel;
- **Communication/Marketing Blitzes**
- **Advice and limited legal services** from the KEDC Board Attorney;
- **Advice and information services** from KEDC Facilities Consultant;
- **Instructional Support** services thru Professional Learning workshops and via KEDC's Instructional consultants;
- **Grant Opportunities** through Special Education, Adult Education, Dept of Labor, U.S. Department of Education, Dept of Justice, and more;
- **PurchasePros** membership including access to **collective bidding, purchasing, and technology services – cabling, network, etc.;**
- **Salary surveys and ranking reports with online access;**
- **Minority recruitment advertising;**

**TOTAL COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP FEES: (Please total)**

**\$5660.48**

**For KEDC budgeting purposes please return this form by June 30, 2024.  
Your 2024-2025 invoice will be issued based on this form.**

**You must notify KEDC in writing by June 30, 2024, to withdraw from KEDC membership.  
Fees calculated based on your 2023 ADM of 2493.5**

**The Universal Service Fund Letter of Agency on the reverse of this form facilitates USF Reimbursement for Districts utilizing USF eligible Consortium Bids and is incorporated in this agreement. Your signature below authorizes KEDC to submit USF form 470 on your behalf and certifies compliance with the USF regulations contained in the Letter of Agency by the Mercer County.**

**To assist KEDC and KPC's ongoing efforts to improve the Collective Bidding/Purchasing and Technology Services, Mercer County Schools agrees to provide KEDC as requested with annual and periodic Vendor Lists comprised of information such as vendor name, total amount purchased, items purchased, quantities, and purchase prices. District agrees to notify KEDC of any new construction or renovation to allow KEDC to advise of services available as well as notify KEDC when it is soliciting its own bids.**

I hereby certify that the Mercer County Board of Education has agreed to participate in the KEDC programs and services with the terms as indicated above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chairperson Board Chairperson

Board Order # \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please supply) (PO# is Optional)

**KEDC Consortium Membership Form**  
**Universal Service Fund (E-Rate) Letter of Agency for Funding Years 2024 – 2025**

This is to confirm our participation in the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC) E-rate Consortium for the procurement of all Eligible E-Rate Services per the Schools and Libraries Eligible Services List and subsequent Eligible Services Lists. I hereby authorize KEDC to submit FCC Form 470, FCC Form 471, and other E-rate forms to the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company on behalf of the school district named on the reverse side of this form.

I understand that, in submitting these forms on our behalf, you are making certifications for the school district named on the reverse side of this form. By signing this Letter of Agency, I make the following certifications:

- (a) I certify that all schools in our district are under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools as defined under 47 C.F.R. §54.500, that do not operate as for-profit businesses and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.
- (b) I certify that all schools in our district 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 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 and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) at 47 C.F.R. § 54.513).
- (d) I certify that our school district has 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 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 ten years after the latter of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the funding request. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission 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 the Administrator. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.
- (g) I certify that I am authorized to procure and/or order telecommunications and other supported 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 services under this Letter pursuant to this application have complied with the terms, conditions and purposes of the program, that no kickbacks were paid to anyone and that false statements on this form 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. 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 KEDC for E-rate submission is true.