



ACCREDITATION IN STATE LIBRARY SYSTEM APPLICATION Local Fiscal Year 2020

LIBRARY NAME Hidalgo County Library System **CITY** McAllen

This authorization for application should only be completed if the library is applying for membership in the Texas Library System for State fiscal year 2022, Sept 1, 2021 – Aug 31, 2022. It must be submitted as part of its 2020 Annual Report on or before April 30, 2021, if the library is applying for accreditation.

The below signed certify, to the best of their ability, that the information contained in this Annual Report is complete and accurate for local fiscal year 2020.

Governing Authority*	3/31/2021	
The Honorable Judge Richard Cortez	1	
Printed Name and Title	Date	Signature
Library Director	3/31/2021	
Kate P. Horan, MLS	1	<i>Kate P. Horan</i>
Printed Name	Date	Signature
Library Board Chair	3/31/2021	
Kate P. Horan, MLS	1	<i>Kate P. Horan</i>
Printed Name	Date	Signature

** All applicable signatures are necessary, based on library's legal establishment. Signatures of the City Secretary, County Clerk or similar positions are not valid substitutions for the signatures of Mayor, City Manager or County Judge. Electronic signatures are acceptable.*

Check one:

The library has met all minimum standards of library accreditation, per 13 TAC §1.71-§1.85.

The library has **not** met all minimum standards of library accreditation.

To prevent hardship to libraries and their communities due to the current community health situation, the Commission has adopted an emergency rule creating a waiver for libraries for certain standards, including, but not limited to, §1.74 (relating to Local Operating Expenditures) and §1.81 (relating to Quantitative Standards for Accreditation of Library), particularly the subsections pertaining to minimum expenditures and weekly hours open for service.

The new emergency waiver provision offers assurance to libraries that they will not necessarily lose accreditation if they fail to meet an accreditation standard due to a situation created by a disaster, emergency, or other extraordinary hardship. In these very challenging times, the Commission is committed to supporting libraries throughout the state and working to ensure that we continue to serve the people of Texas. Now more than ever, libraries are desperately needed, and the Commission stands ready to help libraries meet the information needs of people throughout the state.

In discussion with TSLAC accreditation staff, please complete the form below.

