



**ACCREDITATION IN STATE LIBRARY SYSTEM
APPLICATION
Local Fiscal Year 2021**

LIBRARY NAME _____ **CITY** _____

This authorization for application should be completed if the library is applying for membership in the Texas Library System for State fiscal year 2023, Sept 1, 2022 – Aug 31, 2023. It must be submitted as part of its 2021 Annual Report on or before April 30, 2022, if the library is applying for accreditation.

Section 1: Signatures

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 2021. *All applicable signatures are necessary, based on library's legal establishment.*

Governing Authority*		
Printed Name and Title	Date	Signature
<i>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.</i>		
Library Director/Head Librarian/Library Manager		
Printed Name	Date	Signature
Library Board Chair, <i>if appropriate</i>		
Printed Name	Date	Signature

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 appeal loss of accreditation, please complete section 2.

Section 2: Request for Waiver

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. To prevent hardship to libraries and their communities due to the recent 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).

The 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 beyond the library's control.

This request will be reviewed by TSLAC accreditation staff based on emergency rule criteria and sent to the Library Systems Act advisory board for further review as warranted.

Application for waiver

Check any that apply	Section	Type	Expected Obtain from TSLAC Staff	Reported
<input type="checkbox"/>	§1.74	Maintenance of effort (MOE)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	§1.81	Minimum locally funded library operating expenditures		
<input type="checkbox"/>	§1.81	Minimum per capita expenditures		
<input type="checkbox"/>	§1.81	Professional librarians on staff		
<input type="checkbox"/>	§_____	Other _____		

REQUIRED: Comments, Explanation

Completion of this section will determine the action needed by TSLAC staff. Please discuss the situation in reporting year 2021 in your community, and how the library and its patrons were impacted. If no explanation is offered, the waiver will be denied.

Section 3: Approvals (TSLAC Accreditation Staff Only)

Resolution	Date/Initials
Receipt and Acceptance by TSLAC Accreditation Staff, per 13 TAC §1.87	
Referral to LSA Advisory Board	