



**ACCREDITATION IN STATE LIBRARY SYSTEM  
APPLICATION  
Local Fiscal Year 2022**

**LIBRARY NAME** HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM **CITY** PHARR

This authorization for application should only be completed if the library is applying for membership in the Texas Library System for State fiscal year 2023, Sept 1, 2023 – Aug 31, 2024. It must be submitted as part of its 2022 Annual Report on or before April 30, 2023, 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 2022.**

<b>Governing Authority*</b>		
RICHARD F. CORTEZ - Hidalgo County Judge		
<b>Printed Name and Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<i>* 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.</i>		
<b>Library Director/Head Librarian/Library Manager</b>		
ADOLFO GARCIA - Library Director City of Pharr		
<b>Printed Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<b>Library Board Chair, if appropriate</b>		
ADOLFO GARCIA- Library Board Chair Hidalgo County Library System		
<b>Printed Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>

**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 recent community health situation, the Commission 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. 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.

**Application for waiver**

Check any that apply	Section	Type	Expected**	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 _____		

\*\*from TSLAC Accreditation Staff

*Completion of this section will determine the action need by TSLAC staff. Please discuss the situation in 2022 in your community, and how the library and its patrons were impacted. If no explanation is offered, the waiver will be denied.*

Comments, Explanation

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