



### APPLICANT INFORMATION

#### Personal Information

Name

Cell Phone and Alternate Phone (Two numbers)

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

E-mail

#### Professional Information

Name of Library Where Currently Employed

Address  City  Zip

Title/Position  Branch

Work Phone  Work E-mail

Name of Director of Library Where Currently Employed

E-mail Address

#### Applicant Eligibility (answer YES or NO using drop down menu)

- 1) Resident of the State of Mississippi for at least 1 continuous year and resident of United States or a U.S. Territory.
- 2) Accepted and/or enrolled in master's degree program in library & information science from an ALA accredited library school OR will be by August 2024.
- 3) Employed at least 1 continuous year in a public library in Mississippi for at least 18 hours per week OR will be by August 2024.



### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### Academic History

List colleges or universities attended. (Must list at least one)

Name	City/State	Dates Attended	Degree Received	GPA

As of July 1 of this year, how many semester hours are needed to complete a master's in library & information science degree?

#### Work Experience

List jobs/positions held (limit response to last 4 jobs/positions or past 10 years). Please include any relevant library experience.

Job/Position Held	Employer Name	From/To Dates

#### Professional Activities

List professional library related activities, associations, awards, memberships, continuing education activities, projects, etc.



### Community Involvement

List relevant volunteer services or other such activities which show qualities you believe benefit you as a public librarian.

### REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

List three (3) references who will complete and submit the "Recommendation Form" on your behalf. These should be individuals who are familiar with your work and/or your abilities relevant to your desire to obtain a master's degree in library and information science.

Three (3) recommendation forms are required. Two (2) of the recommendations must be from individuals familiar with your professional work in librarianship (supervisors, colleagues). One (1) may be from an individual of the applicants choice , but it is recommended to use a professional reference, rather than a personal reference.

Name	Email Address

Supporting Documentation - The documents listed below are required for the application to be considered complete.

Mark the box to the right to indicate the status of these documents. Choose from the drop-down options.

Copy of **acceptance letter into a master's program** in information and library science from a school accredited by the American Library Association.

**Recommendation Forms** provided to the three (3) persons listed above. Forms must be submitted directly to the Library Commission from each reference.

**Certificate of employment** given to appropriate local personnel to complete and submit. Certificate must be submitted directly to the Library Commission from local personnel.



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**STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

**Knowledge of Public Librarianship** - Describe your knowledge of public librarianship in the state of Mississippi.

**Communication & Problem Solving Skills** - Describe your analytical and problem solving skills, creativity and effective decision making skills.



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**Leadership Abilities** - Describe your ability to plan ahead and execute projects, motivation to accomplish goals and ability to work independently and with other stakeholders.

Briefly describe why you are interested in pursuing a master's degree in library and information science and your interest in public librarianship.