

DAUPHIN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM (The Library)

Application for consideration for service to the Board of Trustees

Thank you for your interest in providing service to The Library Board of Trustees. To apply to serve, please submit this completed application and attach a resume (optional) to: Dauphin County Library System, Board Governance Committee (c/o Immediate Past President), 101 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

In accordance with the bylaws of our organization, The Library is led by a Board of Trustees that consists of seventeen persons serving three-year terms. Twelve are elected by the Board of Trustees, and five are appointed annually for three-year terms by the Dauphin County Commissioners. Trustees are eligible to serve up to nine consecutive years, with special exceptions to the term length made for those who serve in officer positions.

The Library aims to build an effective working board of leaders that represents the population of Dauphin County. When seeking new trustees, whether appointed or elected, preference for candidates will be focused on finding committed citizens who will be actively involved in furthering The Library's mission and vision. The Library. The Board Governance Committee will review applications to select candidates for recommendation for appointment by the County Commissioners or election by the sitting Board who will provide balanced leadership in alignment with current and strategic goals. A board profile survey is used to analyze the geographic composition of The Library Board of Trustees and to ensure that the Board Governance Committee can seek appropriate skills, strengths, and connections.

All candidates for consideration to the Board of Trustees or special committees **must**:

- Be a legal resident of Dauphin County throughout their term of election or appointment.
- Read and sign the Board Member Commitment to Serve (attached as sample) that outlines minimum Trustee expectations, including that trustees will represent The Library in the community, attend meetings, contribute financially, avoid conflicts of interest, participate fully, and comply fully with the responsibilities of service to the Board.

Notice of Time Commitment:

- Board meetings are typically held the third Tuesday of every month from noon-1p.m. in the meeting room of the Madeline L. Olewine Library in Harrisburg, though time and location are subject to change and are posted at dcls.org.
- Each trustee, whether elected or appointed, must also serve on one or two board committees which also meet at regular intervals (see descriptions of these committees on attached pages.)

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Contact Information	Home	Work
Street		
City, St., Zip		
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Preferred Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Home Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Work Contact

Skills or Qualifications

Tell us about your work/volunteer experience, education, expertise, and training which you believe would contribute to the work of The Library:

Community Involvement

List community and professional involvement (boards, service clubs, etc):

The Library's strategic plan focuses in several key areas, which include building a connected and inclusive community, serving as a community 'second responder,' providing a welcoming, safe and supportive place to learn and belong, being an effective workforce partner, championing literacy and ensuring a vibrant library organization for our community.

What are you hoping to contribute to Dauphin County Library System and Board of Trustees?

References

Please list up to three references (individual qualified to discuss your credentials) and their contact information.

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Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth are true and complete. The Board Governance Committee may contact me to discuss this further. If I have questions or require additional information, I will contact the library or attend a board meeting.

Signature	
Date	