



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

APPLICATION FOR ASERL MEMBERSHIP

Institution Name: _____

Library Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____

eMail: _____

Does your institution qualify as an education institution under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code or as a governmental agency? <i>(circle one)</i>	Yes	No
Number of doctoral degrees currently conferred by your institution:	_____	
Amount spent by your library for the last three years for total library expenditures:	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	
<i>For federal libraries only:</i> Does your library support comprehensive collections or research materials on a permanent basis? <i>(circle one)</i>	Yes	No

ASERL's Mission Statement

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries is dedicated to serving the educational and research needs of the students, faculty, and citizens of the communities served by their parent institutions. The member libraries share a vision which recognizes that future success depends on being linked to a larger community of resources and interrelated services which promotes and facilitates inter-institutional cooperation through the application of new

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technologies that enhance and support teaching, research and service programs. Through this collaboration, ASERL supports the development of information resources of each parent institution as well as extending equal accessibility of these resources to other members of the group.

To that end ASERL's purposes are to:

- support library excellence at each institution by developing research quality resources and services;
- provide and maintain inter-institutional resource sharing and services for mutual benefit;
- reduce duplication of research materials where feasible by bringing together strong, cohesive, and well developed collections of materials in all formats;
- promote research on library subjects through the design and implementation of model programs that can be applied and adapted to the needs and circumstances of individual members as well as to the entire group;
- sponsor educational opportunities for librarians, paraprofessionals, library directors, and others who provide support to library operations;
- disseminate professional information among libraries, exchange ideas, and develop new concepts and programs;
- establish an interface with professional, governmental, commercial, accrediting, and other agencies impacting library development and operation;
- continue to develop technology and resources to enhance graduate and professional education in southern institutions; and
- provide expanded research information and capacity for governmental agencies.

Please attach a detailed description of your library's plans for participation in programming in support of ASERL's goals and purposes.

Signature: _____
Library Director's signature *date*

Next Steps:

1. All membership applications must be signed by the library director and include payment for a non-refundable application fee of \$1000.00 payable to ASERL. Applications and payments are to be sent to the ASERL Program Manager at the address on the preceding page.
2. With 21 days of initial receipt of the application, the ASERL Program Manager will review the application to determine if your application meets the criteria for membership and will submit an eligibility report along with a copy of the application to the ASERL Board of Directors.
3. Within 30 days of receipt of the Program Manager's eligibility report, the ASERL Board will meet (either in person or via conference call) to discuss the application and verify the eligibility of the applicant.

4. If the Board determines the applicant is eligible, within 14 days of the Board's meeting the Secretary-Treasurer (or his/her designee) will submit a summary of the application and eligibility report to the Association's membership body for review. This information may be transmitted to the membership in person at a meeting called according to standard procedures or via email.
5. All applications will be discussed and voted upon at the next Association meeting. Within 14 days of the vote, the Board President will inform the applicant of the results. Libraries whose membership applications are rejected for any reason will not be reconsidered for membership for a period of at least one year from the date of rejection.
6. Accepted membership applications will become active upon receipt of full payment of membership dues.
7. Questions about your application should be addressed to John Burger (via e-mail at jburger@solinet.net or via telephone at 404/892-0943 x4830).

Thank you for your interest in ASERL!