



Library Freedom Institute 2026 Applications Due December 10th, 2025

Please submit your responses to the following questions in one of these formats:
LibreOffice/OpenOffice, MS Office, PDF.

Your application should be *no more than four pages* and can be in a narrative format. Resumes and letters of support are not required, but welcome.

1. Tell us about yourself, including anything you want to share about your background in library work. If you feel comfortable sharing about your gender identity, racial or ethnic background, class origin, intellectual interests, activist pursuits, and anything else that shapes you as a person, we'd love to hear more about you - and importantly, this information helps to ensure a diverse cohort.
2. Tell us about the communities you serve in your library work, and any other communities you belong to.
3. What brings you to LFI? What are the privacy, intellectual freedom, and critical technology issues that you are thinking about? How do these issues connect to other things you care about? Have you attended other LFP trainings or events? What are you hoping to learn more about through this program?
4. How do you hope that LFI will impact your work in libraries? What ways do you hope to implement what you've learned?
5. What subject areas in the privacy, intellectual freedom, and technology realm would you be most excited to learn about or discuss?
6. What days/times of the week are you available for two hours of online discussion in real time?
7. We are still determining the exact dates for LFI 2026, but it will take place sometime after January 15th, 2026, and last for 15 weeks, ending either in late April or early

May. During this time, we will host participants for an in-person weekend, most likely in Philadelphia, for relationship-building and further training. Please note: it's ideal for us to have the weekend training sooner than later, but it may be late in the training due to schedule limitations. Please let us know weekend dates from January through May that **would not work for you**.

8. Does your workplace support your participation in this program?*
- a. Yes - I will get off-desk time for trainings and they want me to share what I learn!
 - b. No - I will be doing these trainings on my own time.
 - c. Somewhat - I will have to do some of these trainings on my own time.

**This will not impact your admission to the program.*

9. LFI is offered on a sliding cost scale, all the way down to zero. **This includes the cost of the in-person weekend, other than small costs like local travel and food.** If your institution is willing to support this program with professional development funds, that helps us make LFI available to more people. Is your institution willing to financially support your participation at one of the following tiers?*

- a. \$1500
- b. \$1000
- c. \$750
- d. \$500
- e. \$250
- f. Other amount
- g. My institution is not willing to financially support my participation in LFI.

**This will not impact your admission to the program. Seriously. Many people take LFI and pay nothing. But if your institution has PD monies, it helps us greatly.*

Submit application materials to: institute@libraryfreedom.org