2026-2027 California Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP)

The Public Library Staff Education Program is a tuition reimbursement program.

Please fill out all sections of the 2026-2027 PLSEP student application at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YXNR6FY. The application also requires attachment of these documents: proof of enrollment and an essay.

Please keep a copy of your answers to all questions in the event you encounter a technical error upon submission.

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* 1. Please enter your contact information

First and Last Name

Job Title

Home Address

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Preferred Email Address

Preferred Phone Number

* 2. Enter the name of the public library jurisdiction or county law library jurisdiction where you currently work. If you work at more than one of these organizations, enter the name of the library jurisdiction where you work the most hours per month.

* 3. How many previous years have you received PLSEP tuition reimbursement? Select "0" if this is your first year applying. The maximum allowance is three years.

Response options: 0, 1, 2, 3

* 4. Enter the name of your library school. You must be enrolled in an American Library Association accredited library school to apply.

* 5. Attach at least one document to show proof of enrollment. File name must contain your first and last name. Suggested file name: JaneDoeProofofEnroll

Acceptable documents include a scanned copy of college transcript, course registration, enrollment verification document from the college, letter/email from school administration with contact information, receipt for payment of classes, or official documentation of financial aid. Choose File

* 6. How many classes have you completed in library school?

* 7. How many classes do you need to complete to graduate?

* 8. What year and semester/quarter do you plan to graduate?

* 9. How many classes will you take during the Fall 2026 -Spring 2027 period (excluding Summer)?

* 10. For the corresponding semester below, please list the 1) course number, 2) course name, 3) number of units, and 4) cost for each class you will take during the Fall 2026 – Spring 2027 period.

Fall 2026

Winter 2026/2027

Spring 2027

* 13. What is the cost of one class at your school? Enter a whole number without any symbols. For example, enter 1500, not $1,500. If your school charges a flat rate for a term, enter the flat rate.

* 14. Please enter the total amount of tuition reimbursement funds you are requesting. Maximum award is $5,000. Enter a whole number without any symbols. For example, enter 5000, not $5,000.

* 15. Please attach an essay answering: Tell us how you are already applying, or plan to apply, the knowledge and skills you have gained from your library coursework to better serve your community. Use 1 - 2 specific examples. For each example, explain:

- The community need or challenge being addressed
- The coursework, knowledge, or skill applied
- The resulting or anticipated impact on library users or the community

Required file name: Jane_Doe_Essay.

Suggested length: 250-400 words.

PDF, DOC, DOCX files accepted.

* 16 Are you interested in participating in a mentorship program aimed at connecting PLSEP award recipients with experienced library staff throughout the state? This is a virtual mentorship program from January to June 2027. Approximate time commitment is one hour a month.

* 17. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE. By entering my name below, I certify that: 1) to the best of my knowledge, the information I have presented in this application is accurate and 2) I currently work at the library listed in this application as a direct employee or contracted employee.

Signature

Date