



Jefferson Cup Committee Application

Sponsored by Youth Services Forum of the Virginia Library Association

The Jefferson Cup honors a distinguished biography, historical fiction or American history book for young people. Presented since 1983, the Jefferson Cup Committee’s goal is to promote reading about America's past; to encourage the quality writing of United States history, biography and historical fiction for young people and to recognize authors in these disciplines.

The Jefferson Cup Committee selects the winning titles. The committee has nine members: a chairperson (selected by the previous year's committee), one person from each VLA region (total of six persons) selected by the current chair, the past chair of the previous year’s Jefferson Cup Committee and the outgoing chairperson of Youth Services Forum. All committee members must be members of VLA. Members may be employed by public libraries, schools or any type or bookstores; they may also be unemployed or retired.

You may nominate yourself or a colleague for consideration. Persons selected must be willing to commit a large amount of personal time to read and evaluate books; committee members may receive over 200 titles. Members will also have to attend daytime meetings (up to seven, usually held via Google Hangout but there is at least one in person meeting). Persons who serve on the committee should be knowledgeable of literature for young people and have book evaluation experience. Jefferson Cup Committee members are expected to present programs at the annual VLA and VAASL conferences, so a supervisor must sign this application, indicating he or she will allow the person to attend the conferences and will assist with the member's expenses.

VLA Region _____

NAME _____ DATE _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

JOB TITLE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____

HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

APPLICANT'S EDUCATION _____



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HAS THE APPLICANT TAKEN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CLASSES? (EXPLAIN)
(Please note that children's literature classes are not a requirement.)

DESCRIBE APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCES WITH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE.

WHY DOES APPLICANT WANT TO BE ON JEFFERSON CUP COMMITTEE?

I am applying to be on the Jefferson Cup Committee. I understand and agree to the commitment of reading and evaluating publisher's book submissions, of attending meetings and of helping present a program at VLA and VAASL. I accept these responsibilities.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE_____

I supervise the above person and recommend that s/he be considered for the Jefferson Cup Committee. I hereby give this person permission to attend Jefferson Cup meetings and agree to assist with conference and lodging expenses for s/he to present programs at VLA and/or VAASL.

SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE_____

Please note that completing the application to serve on the Jefferson Cup Committee does not mean you will be selected to serve. Some regions have many highly qualified applicants who would like to serve on the committee. If your address, place of employment or supervisor changes, please update this form.

Thank you for your interest in the Jefferson Cup Award!

Please submit this form to 2018-2019 Jefferson Cup Chairperson:
Salena Sullivan, ssullivan@mfrl.org