USE THIS TEMPLATE TO DRAFT YOUR RESPONSES. YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSES USING THE[**Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL) Scholarship Application ONLINE FORM**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHydj3rmoZLNUquAb8IsFipK4vh07N1voaYLgvFwczcCibtA/viewform?usp=sf_link)**.**

**Name**:

**Title**:

**Email**:

**Name of Wisconsin public library or public library system where you work**:

**Why are you interested in participating in the Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL)**?

**Briefly convey the importance of data driven decision making at your library**.

**RIPL attendees are expected to bring a real world project idea to RIPL that they implement at their public library after attending the institute. Briefly describe the project you would bring**.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is committed to improving access and resources to individuals across race, gender, ethnicity, language, disability, sexual orientation, family background, and/or family income. It is our responsibility as employees of a state agency to deepen our understanding of Wisconsin’s diverse population and explore ways we can transform our daily work to genuinely promote equity. **If you believe you represent any of these groups that are underrepresented in Wisconsin’s professional library community, please briefly describe the diverse perspective you feel you will bring to RIPL**.

☐ By checking this box **I affirm that I am agreeing to all of the following commitments**:

* Attend Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL) July 12-15, 2020, at the Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, Illinois.
* Provide a written summary (approximately one page in length) of ideas and insights gained from the training no later than one month after the event. This content may be used by DPI staff for communications and anecdotal data.
* Share training insights as part of regional and/or state training continuing education events in the year following the event; e.g. panelist in a WAPL session or co-facilitator in a system-led workshop.
* Participate in the Division for Libraries and Technology (DLT) Data Cohort, a group who provides insight and strategic approaches to use data to inform statewide decisions.

☐ By checking this box **I affirm that I if I am awarded a scholarship to attend RIPL, I have my supervisor’s approval to attend**. DLT requires and will request documentation of the supervisor’s approval prior to awarding scholarships.