Thank you for your interest in starting a seed library and seeking help from Seed Savers Alliance. Seed Savers Alliance is a project sponsored by Alliance for Sustainability. We accept applications once per year. The deadline for applications is December 1 of any given year. Any applications received later than December 1 will be set aside and considered for the following calendar year. Example: if you submit an application prior to Dec. 1 2014, you will be considered for a start-up package to arrive in early 2015. If you submit after Dec. 1 2014 you will be considered in the 2015 pool and won't potentially receive a package until early 2016. If you have any questions please contact us at: <a href="mailto:seeds@allianceforsustainability.org">seeds@allianceforsustainability.org</a>

#### Site Contact Information

On occasion we will need to be able to contact the seed library site directly. We understand and anticipate that some libraries may be managed by a person(s) other than those running the facility where the site is housed.

Full Organization Name of Future Seed Library Host Site

**Street Address** 

City State

Zip Code

**Organization Website** 

Organization President / Executive Director

This is the seed library host site contact, NOT the seed library representative (unless host site manager is also the representative.) Title

Phone Number

E-Mail Address

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## **Seed Library Representative Information**

In this section we ask that you provide one person to be your seed library representative. This person will be responsible for ensuring that:

- -the seed library and events are well organized and promoted,
- -the seed library is well looked after,
- -your site adheres to the minimum labeling requirements as outlined by state law and to our guidelines for handling returned seeds.
- -an annual request to participate in bulk seed purchase is submitted by December 10th,
- -timely correspondence with a representative from Seed Savers Alliance occurs.

The approximate number of hours this person is anticipated to commit to their respective seed library on an annual basis is 120.

Seed Library Representative (if different from above)

Title

**Phone Number** 

E-Mail Address

## **Seed Library General Information**

This information will appear on the Seed Savers Alliance website if you qualify for a start-up package. Please be as detailed as possible.

What will the name of your seed library be?

When do you plan to open the library?

What will the hours of operation be?

Application continues on next page.

# **Qualifying Questions**

Please provide thoughtful answers to the following questions. All questions must be answered for your application to be considered complete.

Why do you want a seed library? (1000 characters or less)

How will you go about promoting, maintaining and educating people about the seed library and saving seeds? (1000 characters or less)

Where will you store\* the seeds
(location and storage unit)?
\* make sure the location/unit is such
that seeds will be kept in a
temperature controlled and dry
environment

What skills/passions does your representative bring to the table?

Geographic Area Served

Application continues on next page.

### Qualifications for a Seed Savers Alliance Seed Library Start-up Package

If you cannot fulfill these requirements you will not be considered for receiving a Seed Library Start-up Package

Our site located within Bayfield, Ashland, or Iron county OR be a close neighboring community to one of these counties.

We are able to store seeds in an environment with relatively stable humidity and temperature.

I assume responsibility for obtaining a structure to house and display the seeds.

I understand that our site will be responsible for procuring educators, site and event promotion, and general upkeep of the seed library.

Our site will adhere to the minimum labeling requirements as outlined by state law and to our guidelines for handling returned seeds.

I will submit a SSA Seed Library Start-up Package Application to seeds@allianceforsustainability.org by December 1.

By typing/signing your name below you officially consent that your site will uphold to each qualification for as long as your seed library is in operation.

Date

## What happens next?

You will hear from a representative by the end of the year as to whether or not your library qualifies to be a member of the Seed Savers Alliance and receive a seed library startup package.

If your site does receive a package you can expect:

- -A set of posters that explain how to use the Seed Library
- -Access to the Seed Savers Alliance Dropbox folder and all of the invaluable resources within
- -Easy-to-save seeds to stock your library
- -500 blank 2.5"x4.25" envelopes and a stamp with all necessary information fields to create seed packets

We will get you your start-up package by February 1.

We recommend that you print this form for your records.

Please send completed forms electronically to seeds@allianceforsustainability.org