



Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library  
1000 Beal Avenue  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109  
734-205-0555



Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum  
303 Pearl Street, NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
616-254-0400

Presidential Libraries and Museums promote understanding of the presidency and the American experience. They preserve and provide access to historical materials, support research, and create interactive programs and exhibits that educate and inspire.

Presidential Libraries and Museums are not libraries in the usual sense. They are archives and museums, bringing together in one place the documents and artifacts of a President and his administration and presenting them to the public for study and discussion without regard for political considerations or affiliations. Presidential Libraries and Museums, like their holdings, belong to the American people.

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum were dedicated by President Ford in the 1980s, and have served as incomparable venues for events attended by Presidents, First Ladies, foreign heads of state, and other dignitaries and celebrities. The Library and Museum also welcome outside guests, and have hosted events for groups of all sizes.

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library or Museum auditoriums, conference rooms, and public spaces are available for ceremonies, receptions, and dinners, as well as lectures, seminars, meetings, and similar educational activities when authorized by the Director or Deputy Director. These activities shall not interfere with the normal operations of either facility, and must be consistent with the public perception of the Library or Museum as an educational, research, or cultural institution. Personal, commercial, profit-making, political fundraisers or sales activities are not permitted. No auctions, raffles, or registration fees collected at the door, sales promotion of goods and/or services, or cash bars are allowed on site. The Library and Museum do **not** host anniversary or birthday parties, proms, or weddings.

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum are part of the National Archives and Records Administration, and use of the facilities and grounds at both locations are governed by federal rules and regulations. Additionally, any event plans must conform to Library/Museum rules and procedures, as well as all state and federal fire, safety, and security regulations.



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[www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov](http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov)

**Thank you for your interest in hosting your event at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library or Museum.  
Please review this information which explains the process for reserving space.**

## **HOW TO GET STARTED RESERVING EVENT SPACE**

### **Contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library or Museum:**

For reserving space at the Ford Presidential Library (Ann Arbor, MI), please call (734) 205-0567, or email your inquiry to [grflrental@nara.gov](mailto:grflrental@nara.gov)

For reserving space at the Ford Presidential Museum (Grand Rapids, MI), please call (616) 254-0367, or email your inquiry to [grfmrental@nara.gov](mailto:grfmrental@nara.gov)

### **Communicate with the Library or Museum Events Coordinator:**

Speak with the respective Events Coordinator to discuss facility availability, event type and the rental fee.

### **Review the Permit Application:**

An application packet will be provided which explains the requirements and guidelines for hosting an event at either the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library or the Museum. The application packet is also available on-line at [www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov](http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov)

Thoroughly review the application packet, and complete NA Form 16011, "Application and Permit for Use of Space in Presidential Libraries and Grounds."

### **Schedule a visit to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library or Museum:**

Schedule a visit during the work day to view the facility spaces and discuss the details of your event with the appropriate Library or Museum staff.

- Standard business hours for the Library are 8:45 AM to 4:45 PM, Monday through Friday.
- Standard business hours for the Museum are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

### **Submit the Facility Rental Agreement:**

The completed application packet must be submitted to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library or Museum for approval and signature. These forms are required to confirm and reserve your event date.

Please be advised that the Library or Museum reserve the right to cancel any scheduled rental of the facility due to a federal/national event, acts of God, or national emergency.

## **APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR USE OF SPACE IN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES AND GROUNDS**

### *CONDITIONS OF USE*

**LIBRARY PROVISIONS:** The Library Director or Deputy Director may assess additional charges to reimburse the Government for expenses incurred as a result of the use by groups of Libraries and Grounds. Each Library: (1) sets its own schedule for fees to be charged and policies for reservations, payments, and refunds; (2) decides what times are available for outside events; and (3) determines the number of people allowed for outside events. In addition, each Library may impose conditions that apply to only that Library. A NARA staff member must be present during the entirety of the event (from set-up to breakdown).

**PROHIBITIONS:** Use of the auditoriums and other public spaces will not be authorized for any profitmaking, commercial advertising and sales, partisan political, sectarian, or similar purpose. No admission fee will be charged except by the Library, no indirect assessment fees will be made for admission, and no on-site collections will be taken. Organizations are prohibited from representing, implying, or suggesting in their invitations, publicity, or otherwise that the Library endorses, sponsors, or in any way approves of the organization. Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is prohibited inside all NARA facilities, including Library buildings; smoking outside is permitted only in certain designated areas (notification of which will be provided by each Library). Open flames are prohibited at all times on Library grounds (both inside and outside).

**EVENT SECURITY:** NARA is responsible for the security and safety of the occupants, facility, and ground at all times. Event security guidelines follow:

- Any events that may require additional security, based on an assessment by the Library Director, will be provided by NARA security and require reimbursement by the event holder. No other security personnel are authorized to provide protection for any event, unless expressly approved by the Library Director, such as School Resource Officers, Protective Details or other similar type security.
- NARA security personnel are authorized to screen for and deny access to individuals attending the event in legal possession of any firearms or other weapons (as defined in 18 USC Section 930), except for local, state or federal law enforcement on official duty responding to the library, or as required by governing laws. Exceptions to this policy must be approved 48 hours in advance by the Library Director in consultation with the Director, Security Management Division.
- Unless an individual meets the exceptions outlined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this section, only NARA security personnel are authorized to possess firearms at the facility.
- Individuals found in possession of any firearms, dangerous weapons or other prohibited items will have those items confiscated, will be detained and released to local law enforcement.
- A list of other prohibited items, including weapons, will be provided to the event holder upon application to use Library space.

**PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED:** The following must be approved in advance by the Library: (1) media coverage; (2) speakers, performers, movies, or programs (other than those included in the Library program); (3) the installation of decorations, and (4) the serving of alcoholic beverages. Sponsoring organizations and their designated contractors must review their plans with Library staff; and the plans must conform to Library rules and procedures and to pertinent fire, safety, and security regulations. Events which do not receive Library approval will be canceled or altered to meet Library requirements.

**LIMITATIONS:** Access to the facility shall be limited to the specific areas designated in the permit, including restrooms, auditorium, meeting rooms, and food service areas. Nothing shall impede access to the Library building. The following may only be done in designated areas: (1) food preparation; (2) food and drink consumption; and (3) parking.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE APPLICANT:** The sponsoring organization is responsible for: 1) any damage to the Library by event participants, contractors, and caterers, and 2) the entire clean-up operation, including the removal of trash from the premises immediately following the event. The Library must be returned to its original condition, and Library dumpsters may **not** be used. Organizations using the Library facilities, caterers, and other contractors hired by such organizations, must follow the instructions from Library staff regarding schedules for delivery and set-up. The sponsoring organization should **not** have anything delivered to the Library unless a representative of the organization is at the Library to accept the delivery. Library staff do **not** sign for or in any other way assume responsibility for property belonging to the applicant, the caterer, or any other individual or organization involved in the event.

The Library reserves the right to withdraw approval of any use of a Library building up to **30 days** before the date(s) of the event. If, in any way, the permittee or any of his or her representatives fails to comply with the above conditions, the program may be canceled and the sponsoring organization may be held responsible for any and all costs to the Presidential Library.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK TO PERMITTEE PROPERTY:** Permittee assumes the risk of any loss or damage to its property or the property of any person or entity authorized by it to be on the Library premises. The Library, and its officers, agents, and employees shall not be responsible or liable for any loss of, or damage to, property while on the premises, regardless of how the loss or damage is sustained.

**INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:** Permittee agrees to conduct its activities upon the premises so as not to endanger any person thereon; and further agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Library and the United States against any and all claims, costs or expenses, or loss, injury, or damage to any persons or property, regardless of how the loss or damage is caused, arising out of the activities conducted by Permittee, its contractors, subcontractors, agents, members, or guests, including but not limited to claims of employees of Permittee, or Permittee's contractors, subcontractors, or guests.

**FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither Party will have any liability to the other Party for any delay or failure to perform, in whole or in part, or for any cancelation in connection with performance of any obligations hereunder, if such failure or cancelation is due to any cause beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, war, riots, civil disturbances, fires, floods, government shutdown, strikes, terrorist acts or credible threat of same, lock-outs, labor disputes, failures in public supply of utilities or any other causes beyond the control of the Parties, whether similar or dissimilar to the foregoing.

**ASSIGNMENT OF INTERESTS; ENTIRETY:** Neither Party may assign its rights nor delegate its duties. These conditions of use constitute the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the matters addressed herein, and it supersedes and replaces any prior or contemporaneous documents, correspondence, conversations, agreements, and other written or oral understandings. Additional agreements may govern food and beverage vendors related to the Permittee's event.

**REVOCATION:** NARA may revoke this Permit for Use at any time by giving written notice.

**GOVERNING LAW AND CERTIFICATIONS:** Each of the individuals signing this Permit for Use certifies that he/she has legal authority to bind his/her Party to these Conditions of Use. These Conditions of Use will be governed by and in accordance with the laws of the United States (without regard to conflicts of laws).

*All National Archives Presidential Libraries and Museums are handicapped accessible. However, organizations requiring special access for the mobility impaired are encouraged to notify the libraries in advance of their events.*

**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

The Permittee agrees to comply with all state and local laws and ordinances in effect in the location of the planned event governing the serving or use of alcoholic beverages. The Permittee further agrees not to serve or allow the serving of alcoholic beverages to anyone under the legal drinking age established in the location of the planned event, or to serve or allow the serving of alcoholic beverages to anyone intoxicated or displaying signs of intoxication.

The Permittee shall indemnify and save harmless the United States, its agents and employees against any and all loss, damage, claim, or liability whatsoever, due to personal injury or death, or damage to property of others directly or indirectly due to the negligence of the Permittee, or any other act or omission of the Permittee, including failure to comply with any terms, conditions, or obligations imposed on the Permittee by the Permit to use the space or by approval of this Application for Permission to Serve Alcoholic Beverages.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature Date

The request of \_\_\_\_\_ to serve alcohol at the \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Organization Name of Presidential Library*

on \_\_\_\_\_ is approved.  
*Date of Event*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Library Director or Deputy Director Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Concurrence (if applicable) Date

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**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

Collection of this information is authorized by 44 U.S.C. 2104 and 2112. Disclosure of the information is voluntary; however, we will be unable to respond to your request if you do not furnish your name and address and the minimum required information about your event. The information is used by NARA employees to document actions taken on requests, schedules events, and provide status information concerning approved events.

**PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT**

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 20 minutes per response. Send comments regarding the burden statement or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the National Archives and Records Administration (ISSD), 8601 Adelphi Rd., Rm. 4400, College Park, MD 20740-6001. DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

**APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR USE OF SPACE IN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES AND GROUNDS**

INSTRUCTIONS: Type or print in ink all items and sign. Also sign the "Application for Permission to Serve Alcoholic Beverages" form if you plan to serve alcohol. Please submit with this application a copy, sample, or description of any material or item proposed for distribution or display. Any special services for the disabled must be provided by the sponsor. (All Presidential Libraries are handicapped accessible.) See Privacy Act Statement and Paperwork Reduction Act Public Burden Statement on the reverse.

PART I – APPLICATION

1. Name of applicant:

Complete mailing address:

Complete billing address; check here if same as mailing address

Personal and/or Business contact number(s):

Email address:

2. Name of person/organization sponsoring, promoting, or conducting the proposed activity *(if different from Name of applicant)*:

Organization's website:

Personal and/or Business contact number(s):

Email address:

3. Name(s) of person(s) who will have supervision of and/or responsibility for the proposed activity *(if different from Name of applicant)*:

Personal and/or Business contact number(s):

Email address:

4. Description of proposed activity and proposed media coverage (if applicable):

5. Special services required for this event (audiovisual, catering, etc.):

**Note: The Library reserves the right to require up to a 50% deposit of the facility fees in order to hold the date for your event.**

**Note: If a caterer is used, the caterer must contact the facility no later than 24 hours before the event to finalize set-up needs.**

Will there be a catered meal? Yes  No

6. Proposed area(s) to be used at the Library:

7. Proposed dates and hours of the event:	Setup	From: _____	To: _____
DATE(S): _____	Actual Event	From: _____	To: _____
	Breakdown	From: _____	To: _____

8. Approximate number of attendees:

I agree to follow the Conditions of Use attached to this permit and certify that I have the legal authority to bind any entity I may represent. I agree to indemnify and save harmless the United States, its agents, and its employees against any and all loss, damage, claim, or liability whatsoever, due to personal injury or death, or damage to property of others, directly or indirectly due to the negligence of the user of the privilege granted by this agreement, or any other act or omission of user, including failure to comply with the obligations of this agreement.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

PART II – PERMIT  
(To be completed by NARA only)

Subject to the attached regulations (36 CFR Part 1280) and conditions, use of the \_\_\_\_\_ is permitted for the date, time, and activity described above.

Signature/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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## FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

### *Conditions of Use*

1. Food and beverage may be served during events and receptions. Food and beverage service may be personally or professionally catered. You are responsible for making the catering arrangements. If professional caterers are used, you must insure that the caterer has a current state catering license. Please include the caterer's name and telephone number on the application form or give this information to the Library or Museum staff before your event.
2. You and the caterers are responsible for the provision and set up of tables, chairs, and other items. (A small number of the Library or Museum tables and chairs are available for your use.) Use of candles or balloons is not permitted.
3. You are allowed to bring materials into the Library or Museum at an agreed-upon time on the day of the event. All materials must be removed by the following morning. All items should be carried in or brought in on carts to prevent marring the floors. Organizations or caterers must provide their own carts.
4. For an evening event, you may begin to set up in the Library or Museum lobby after 3:00 PM on the day of the event. Plan to remove or fold up all tables and other items in public areas immediately after the event.
5. Eating and drinking are permitted in the lobby, auditorium, and conference rooms A and B at the Ann Arbor location. Eating and drinking are permitted in the lobby and the Michigan Room at the Grand Rapids location. Care should be taken that all Library or Museum furniture is adequately protected. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to ensure that no glasses, plates, or other items are placed on any exhibit cases.
6. Food should be prepared in the kitchen area. Prior approval is required if catering services intend to use the Library auditorium (Ann Arbor location) for food preparation. No open flame for food preparation is allowed anywhere; however, Sterno® is permitted.
7. You may request permission to serve beer or wine by completing and submitting the APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. No event may dispense alcohol without written permission from the Director of the Library or Deputy Director of the Museum. Event organizers should discuss their proposed plans in detail with the appropriate Library and Museum personnel. Alcoholic beverages are permitted in an open bar setting only, and **cash bars or ticket systems for alcoholic beverages are prohibited.** The serving of alcohol must cease one-half hour prior to the end of the event. Liquor service must conform to the City of Ann Arbor (Library location), the City of Grand Rapids (Museum location), and State of Michigan regulations.



**\*\*PLEASE PRESENT THIS FORM TO YOUR CATERER FOR THEIR REVIEW & SIGNATURE\*\***

**GERALD R. FORD PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM  
RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CATERERS**

**These rules and regulations are to be followed by all caterers and their staff while performing catering duties on the premises of the Gerald Ford Library and Museum.**

1. Caterer will be responsible for the entire set up of the event, including the provision of tables, chairs, table covering, skirting, and other items. **Candles and balloons are not allowed.**
2. Caterer will be allowed to bring catering materials into the Library or Museum at an agreed-upon time on the day of the event. All materials must be removed by the following morning. All items should be carried in or brought in on carts to prevent marring the floors.
3. Caterer may begin set up in the Library or Museum lobbies after 3:00 PM on the day of an evening event. Plan to remove or fold up all tables and other items in public areas immediately after the event.
4. Caterer may prepare food in the kitchen area only. Prior approval is required if catering services intend to use the Library auditorium for food preparation (Ann Arbor location only). The use of temporary ovens or other catering food preparation equipment is prohibited within 50 feet of outside walls of the Library or Museum. No open flame for food preparation is allowed anywhere. Flameless heating units, warming trays and ovens, and Sterno® are permitted.
5. Library or Museum cupboards and drawers are off limits. If you need something, please ask a Library or Museum representative for assistance.
6. Caterer will provide all utensils to perform their job. (This includes but is not limited to: silverware, serving spoons, can opener, extension cords, bowls, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, coffee pot and/or pitchers.) Caterer is responsible for providing ice for the event.
7. Caterer should provide cleaning supplies. This includes but is not limited to: dish soap, trash bags and paper towels. **Caterer is responsible for the removal of trash from the premises immediately following the event.** If clean-up is not performed, a minimum amount of \$100 will be charged to the caterer or sponsoring organization.

**Certification: I CERTIFY that I understand and agree to abide by these Rules and Regulations.**

Catering Company Name:
Catering Company Point of Contact:
Catering Company Phone Number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Authorized Representative (Caterer)  
or Authorized Event Sponsor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## REQUEST FOR AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

The Library and Museum have a variety of audio-visual equipment and supplies. The following list outlines what is available to request for audio-visual equipment and related items.

A representative from your organization shall be responsible for operating the audio-visual equipment for your presentation (DVD, PowerPoint, etc.). It will be your responsibility to have your representative **trained** to use the Library's or Museum's equipment before your event. This training must be done during normal Library or Museum operating hours. ***We require a preview of your presentation set-up and materials prior to the event.*** Notify the Library or Museum as soon as you are aware of any changes in these program needs. The Library or Museum cannot be responsible for the set-up of equipment if changes are made less than 24 hours preceding the event.

Any special services or equipment (e.g., AV, lighting) not available through the Library or Museum will be your responsibility and cost. **Please note:** Wireless is available at both the Library and Museum.

Please mark the appropriate spaces if you are requesting the following equipment or services. (*Reminder: you must have a representative trained to use the equipment before your event.*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please show "Gerald R. Ford: The Presidency Restored" at \_\_\_\_\_PM (**Grand Rapids location only**)  
(This film is approximately 20 minutes long.)

### **The following equipment/services are available at both locations in the auditoriums:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Lectern with microphone
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lapel microphone (#\_\_\_\_\_) (limit 2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hand-held microphone (#\_\_\_\_\_) (limit 2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ LCD projector and screen
- \_\_\_\_\_ DVD/CD player
- \_\_\_\_\_ Laptop hookup at lectern for PowerPoint presentation (**must provide own laptop; if using a MAC, must provide own VGA adapter**)

### **The following equipment/services are available for use in the lobby at the Ann Arbor location only:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Portable lectern and portable speakers with one hand-held microphone

*In accordance with NARA policy, parties wishing to videotape or broadcast their event must first secure permission from the Ford Presidential Library. In addition, the Ford Presidential Library reserves the right to photograph, videotape, or audiotape the event and proceedings for the purposes of documenting our own institutional history and reporting to our stakeholders.*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### EVENT PARKING

#### **Library Event Parking (Ann Arbor, MI)**

The Ford Library does not provide rental event parking during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:45 AM – 4:45 PM) except for event coordinators and their service providers. The University of Michigan’s Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) Department offers Special Events Parking Coordination services to assist guests and visitors attending events at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library. We suggest event coordinators provide parking stickers for the university lot directly across from the Ford Library (**Blue Lot NC8**) located off Beal Avenue and Fuller Road. Event organizers should contact PTS Customer Services at (734) 764-7530 no later than two weeks prior to their event. A “*Request for Special Parking*” form is available on the Public Transportation Services website at <http://pts.umich.edu> and should be completed and submitted. Paid visitor parking is available in the Red Lot (located in the far west section of Blue Lot NC8).

Event and program attendees may park without permit and free in the Library staff lot (35 parking spaces) anytime after **5 PM**, Monday-Friday. Handicap parking is available. Free parking is also available after 5 PM in the Blue Lot NC8, located directly across from the Library at Beal Avenue and Fuller Road.

#### **Museum Event Parking (Grand Rapids, MI).**

Free parking is available at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum for both day and evening events and programs. There are 102 parking spaces in the South Lot, and additional free parking in the North Lot. Handicap parking is available.