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Cards may be issued to the following institutions:

- Governmental agencies and departments
- Hospital departments
- Businesses
- Nursing homes and group homes
- Schools
- Pre-schools and licensed daycare centers
- Professional offices and clinics
- Schools of Higher Education
- Religious institutions
- Service organizations
- Other, as determined by Circulation Manager

Cards will be issued only after receipt of a letter of application on letterhead, from a financially-responsible officer of the institution, expressing the institution's acceptance of responsibility for all fines, fees, and charges, including charges for damaged or lost materials. The letter must also designate a contact person within the organization for handling any library matters.

The same privileges and policies which apply to individual cardholders will also apply to institutional cardholders except items in the Library of Things collection may not be checked out on an institutional card. The institution assumes responsibility for any library materials checked out on its card. The institution is responsible for ensuring authorized access to its card. The Library will not maintain a list of authorized users for an institution; users must present the card or a digital copy of the card at the time of checkout to access the account. The institution will notify the Library in the event their library card is lost or stolen.

Institutional cards are not to be used by employees of an institution for their own personal purpose unrelated to their work. They are expected to apply for personal cards for those purposes.