

In celebration of the bicentennial of Mississippi's statehood in 2017, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is creating a new traveling exhibit centered around two of its most significant and compelling artifacts—the original 1817 Mississippi constitution and the 1818 United States flag that flew over the nation after Mississippi became a state. The exhibit will be available October 2016 through May 2017.

Applications are being accepted for communities interested in hosting the exhibit. Due to the fragile nature of the artifacts there are requirements for the venue, and the exhibit is only available for a one- or two-day display in no more than ten towns.

In addition to the two artifacts, the exhibit will include freestanding interpretive signage about statehood, the flag, and the constitution, as well as other activities and resources. MDAH staff will accompany the artifacts and will give a presentation on the flag and constitution. The exhibit may be housed at museums, libraries, courthouses, city halls, and community centers that meet the requirements. The cost is \$500 and will help offset transportation, installation, and breakdown costs of the exhibit.

Applications are due February 1, 2016 by 5:00 p.m. Call 601-576-6901 with any questions.

MDAH will provide:

- Travel arrangements for the flag and constitution
- Standing banners with text and images about statehood, the flag, the constitution, and more
- Staff members to answer questions on site about the artifacts and give a presentation
- Children's activity
- Publicity packet

Space and equipment requirements:

- Interior rooms only
- No direct sunlight
- Direct outside access is important as both the flag and constitution will be in large cases that cannot be turned on their sides (although they may be tilted slightly). The flag case is 77 1/2" high x 140" wide x 3" deep. The constitution case is 50" high x 44" wide x 22" deep. They may not fit around corners or through hallways. The flag case will be held at a comfortable viewing angle in a special stand.
- Electrical outlet
- Folding table
- Two chairs

Space Recommendations:

- Temperature range: 70°–75°
- Humidity range: 30–55%RH
- Visible light levels: <5 foot candles (50 lux)
- Ultraviolet light levels: <75 microwatts per lumen at 10 to 100 lux

