

# APPLICATION FOR TRI-ETHNIC APPOINTMENT

I WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO A POSITION ON THE ECISD TRI-ETHNIC COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE A VACANT POSITION BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2012

Name: Michelle Acosta

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Spouse's Name: Not Married

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Occupation: Ector County Youth Center

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Race or Ethnic Group: Hispanic

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Children (if any) in ECISD: None

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Is your spouse or any family member related to an employee of ECISD or any member of the ECISD Board of Trustees? No

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Are you a resident of Ector County? Yes

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Qualifications: I am currently attending the University of Texas of the Permian Basin to earn my Bachelor's Degree in Art (emphasis in Art History). My minor is Sociology under Dr. Joanna Hadjicostandi. I am currently the President of the Art Association, a student run organization at UTPB. I organized the 2010 Art Association Gallery Show and over saw the installation of an art piece that represented the United States/Mexico border fence. The conceptual piece of art work was created to raise a debate over the issues of race, ethnicity, and the social conditions among immigrants. The border fence installation symbolizes a great division between two cultures.

I am a supporter of diversity and multi-cultural education in the Arts, but also throughout our community and school system. I have worked and volunteered in various institutions and organizations. I volunteered for a year with Communities in Schools in a low income area of Austin, Texas. I have been employed in the past by High Frontier in Ft.Davis, TX. While employed by High Frontier, I helped provide guidance counseling for adolescents dealing with emotional issues and addiction.

Currently, I am employed with the Ector County Youth Center. I supervise the at-risk youths of our community in their education setting, tutoring classes, daily counseling, and other daily tasks. I have been employed with the Ector County Youth Center for over three years and continue to work with the youths in that facility. I have observed in person, the problems many minority children face within their personal environment that, in turn, interferes with their education. I am constantly in a classroom setting with students and ECISD school teachers. The group of teachers work with the Youth Center in providing adequate education for juveniles who are working a behavioral program. I observed that there are many set-backs for the students held in the detention center. Majority of the youths in our facility are minorities and are on the brink of dropping out of school. Many of the students lack certain educational skills, not to mention the proper funding for classroom tools. Most of the juveniles in the Ector County Youth Center are labeled by society as the "throw away kids". Therefore, the "throw away" kids receive the short end of the stick when it comes down to education. This situation is one of many problems with our system. With my background, I have the ability to contribute a unique sociological perspective on the major issues that involve culture, integration, and the educational progress of the minorities within our school system. As a member of the Tri-Ethnic Committee, I believe I can represent an integral part of the solution.