

San Antonio Youth Commission Mayoral Mayoral Representative	Application No: No: 20210921202727_11869
PROFILE	
Prefix	Ms.
Last Name	Mara
First Name	Flores
Middle Name	
Suffix	
Preferred Name	
Address Type?	Residence
Address	
City	San Antonio
State	TX
Zip	78204
Phone Type?	Cell
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	
Phone 2 number	
Address 2 Type?	Business
Address 2	
City 2	San Antonio
State 2	TX
Zip 2	
eMail	
Board/Commission/Committee Name	San Antonio Youth Commission~Mayoral~Mayoral Representative~09
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
The City of San Antonio strives for boards and commissions to be representative of our diverse community. Providing the following demographic information is voluntary, and will only be used for statistical and reporting purposes	
Race/Ethnicity (Please select all that apply):	Hispanic/Latino/a
Gender:	Female
Age:	Under 18
Your age	
Appointees to the Youth Commission must be at least at the freshman grade level at the time of appointment. Appointment is for a maximum of a two year period at the sophomore or junior grade level. Senior grade level appointees serve for one year.	

Commission meetings are held at least once a month at City Hall or at various high schools throughout the city, at specific times and dates. Sometimes, because of special projects or other scheduled activities, meetings may be increased to more than once a month Attendance at these meetings is mandatory. Limited excused absences can lead to removal from office Upon appointment, commissioners are required to submit a signed parental consent form to the Department of Community Initiatives.	
Do you identify as a sexual minority (such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, etc.)?	
PLEASE PROVIDE FOLLOWING SCHOOL INFORMATION	
School Name:	
Principal's Name:	
Principal's Phone:	
School City	San Antonio
School State:	TX
School Zip Code:	78257
School Address:	
Grade Level	09
Expected Year of Graduation.	2025
HOBBIES & INTEREST	
School Involvement: List activities, clubs and other organizations in which you are involved or have been involved in the school or schools that you have attended Include office, committee or leadership positions	Journalism Club 2021-Present Speech and Debate Team 2021-Present Varsity Swim Team 2021-Present Piano Lessons 2017-Present 8th Grade Science Bowl Team 2021 Annual Holiday Shopping for Inner City Development 2017-2020 Track Team 2020 TCEA Robotics Competition 2019 Volleyball Team 2017-2018 GEAR Robotics Competition 2018 Purple Comet Math Competition 2018 Bexar County Mathcounts Chapter Competition 2018 2nd Grade Performance at Morningside at the Chandler Estate 2014
Community Involvement: List civic, religious or other community organizations or activities in which you are involved or activities in which you are involved or have been involved in the past. Include office, committee or leadership positions. List affiliations other than San Antonio as appropriate.	Streamline Aquatics Swim Team San Antonio 2017 Present Tennis Lessons 2020-Present Food Distribution at SA Food Bank 2020 Painted Community Bus for Refugees Seeking Asylum in the U S 2020 Dos Florecitas Cookie Business: 50 of Profits (\$500) Donated to SA Food Bank 2020 Woodlawn Theatres Mainstage Production of The Music Man 2020 Woodlawn Theatres Mainstage Production of Hello, Dolly 2018 Woodlawn Theatres Mainstage Production of The Wizard of Oz 2018 Ballet Conservatory of South Texas 2010-2017 Woodlawn Theatres Mainstage Production of Evita 2016
Awards: List personal awards, special recognition and honors that you have received.	Margaret M. Alkek Scholarship Recipient (Based on Merit) 2021 Woodlawn Theatre Jr. Premier Company: Competitively Selected to Participate 2019-2021 American Mathematics Competition: Second Place in 7th-8th Grade 2021 Duke TIP Award: Grand Recognition 2021 Duke TIP Award: State Recognition 2021 3rd-8th Grade Spelling Bee: First Place 2020 Selected to Participate in Aspen Institute Resnick Youth Action Forum 2019 Math Olympiad Competition: First Place in 6th Grade 2019 Work Selected

	<p>to Be Published in Annual Young Pegasus Poetry Anthology 2019</p> <p>Math Olympiad Competition: Second Place in 5th Grade</p> <p>2018 Bonham Academy 3rd 5th Grade Spelling Bee Second Place</p> <p>2014 Bonham Academy Kinder-2nd Grade Spelling Bee: First Place</p> <p>2014 Bonham Academy Kinder 2nd Grade Spelling Bee Second Place</p> <p>2013 Bonham Academy Kinder-2nd Grade Spelling Bee: Second Place 2013</p>
List those goals you most want to accomplish immediately after graduating High School or within the next four years.	<p>After graduating High School, my primary goal is to be accepted into a competitive university, such as Columbia or University of Chicago, so that I can pursue a career in law and public policy. In the next four years, I would like to participate in debate competitions both in and outside of school, including the Great Debate through the National Hispanic Institute. Additionally, I would like to become a more involved member of my community through community service and leadership, and I believe this Youth Commission will help me accomplish that goal.</p>
Given the opportunity to influence a significant change in San Antonio, what youth-related issue would you address?	<p>I would work to educate teens about the importance of voting in municipal elections since they, unfortunately, still have such a low turnout in our community.</p>
What approach would you take? Who would you work with? Why this particular issue?	<p>To tackle this issue, I would reach out to social media influencers in the community that are popular among youth to advocate for the importance of voting in municipal elections, and I would also find several teens in high school that would be willing to meet with the influencer(s) to discuss the best way to reach the target audience. Additionally, I would talk to elected officials about whether or not they'd be allowed to let high schoolers sit in on any city council meetings, and if not, if they could at least do interviews or host a public forum. Finally, I'd also meet with some schools and ask if they'd allow their students to participate in these activities. I would address this issue because as good citizens of our community, it is our civic duty to vote in our local elections. While voting for positions like the President of the United States are incredibly crucial, voting in our local elections affects us more directly, and many people fail to understand that. By educating students about this issue beginning at the time they enter high school, by the time they are eighteen years old, they will be more aware about why they should vote, causing voter turnout to rise in our community.</p>
APPLICATION SIGN-OFF	
I acknowledge the conditions for appointment and agree to participate actively. I further agree to abide by both the Rules and Regulations of Boards and Commissions and those of the Youth Commission of the City of San Antonio.	Acknowledged
I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this Application for Appointment, most of the information must be disclosed under the Public Information Act I understand that the City of San Antonio will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of highly private matters by seeking an Attorney General's opinion in accordance with the Public Information Act. I understand that it may not be legally possible to maintain the confidentiality of	Acknowledged

such information, and I hereby release the City of San Antonio, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or any other law requiring its release	
OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.	Acknowledged
Enter Your Name	Mara Flores
Date of submission.	9/21/2021
The Texas Public Information Act provides that each government official may choose whether to allow the public access to the information in the custody of the City that contains your home address, home telephone number, or reveals whether you have family members. Please note that this does not apply to business addresses, which are subject to public disclosure. If an open records request is filed requesting to view or obtain records that contain your personal information, the City will take steps to protect your personal information as authorized by the Texas Public Information Act, but only if you have elected to protect personal information	
I want the public to have access to my Home Address.	No
I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information	No
I want the public to have access to my Family Information.	No
Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments panel at the bottom of this page.	