

THE LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS/DOCENTS

The Latin American Cultural Center (LACC), a creation of the Latin American Studies Association, is searching for individuals who will be members of a dedicated group of volunteers/docents. Volunteers can work with curators and scholars to help implement the many functions required in a museum. Docents will greet visitors and school groups, lead tours through the galleries, and inspire visitors of all ages with an understanding and appreciation for Latin America and its peoples.

LACC is a new museum that opened to the public on September 15, 2022. Its mission is to celebrate Latin America through compelling programs dedicated to fostering a heightened understanding and appreciation for Latin American arts, history, and culture. In addition to exhibits that present the geography, history, arts and culture of Latin America and the Caribbean, LACC has an intimate performance venue that is used for musical and dance performances, film series, and lectures about the region. Exhibits and related programming are open to school groups who wish to explore this incredible region of our world. A large exhibit gallery is reserved for featuring changing presentations of special topics related to this vast geographical area. Further information about LACC may be found by visiting our website: [Home - Latin American Cultural Center \(LACC\) \(lasaweb.org\)](http://lasaweb.org)

The minimum qualifications required to be a volunteer/docent at LACC include the ability to interact with guests and staff in a friendly and outgoing manner, a desire and willingness to learn more about Latin America, a love of other cultures and peoples, and the ability to work as part of a team. Our volunteer/docent program is, like the museum itself, in its infancy. Volunteer/docent candidates will be trained by LACC staff, not necessarily to become experts, but to become skilled facilitators for learning about Latin America. As new special exhibits are presented at LACC, further training will be provided to docents to enable them to interact knowledgeably with visitors about the content of these exhibits.

REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants must complete the Pennsylvania Act 33 Child Abuse Clearance.

Submit your application online at <http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov>. Creating an account and submitting your application online will give you immediate access to the status of your results.

All applicants must complete the Pennsylvania Act 34 State Criminal Background Check.

Submit your application online at <http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov>. You will receive your clearance via mail at the address you provide. This process may take up to 14 business days.

Please submit your application to:

Sandra Budd, Assistant Director and Curator

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Latin American Cultural Center

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Pittsburgh, PA 15213

APPLICATION FORM TO BE A VOLUNTEER/DOCENT AT THE LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

DATE SUBMITTED:

NAME: Last First Middle Initial

ADDRESS: Street City State/Zip

PHONE: Hm Cell Wk

EMAIL:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

Please check as many of the following activities that you are interested in doing:

- ☐ Leading tours and activities for elementary grades
- ☐ Leading tours and activities for middle school grades
- ☐ Leading tours and activities for high school grades
- ☐ Leading tours and activities for university students
- ☐ Leading tours and activities for adults
- ☐ Assisting Curator with Docent Program and/or School Tours Administration
- ☐ Other volunteer opportunities (i.e. assisting at special events, administrative tasks, curatorial assistance, usher at film series and auditorium events, etc.)

Why would you like to volunteer at the Latin American Cultural Center?

What skills, education, activities work, and/or hobbies relate to your interest in becoming a docent or volunteer at the Latin American Cultural Center?

Please share any experiences or other information about yourself, and/or any additional comments you wish to share.