# Members Sought for Food Allergy Ad Hoc Committee

If you’re interested in helping students with food allergies at risk for anaphylaxis, you might want to apply to be appointed to the Food Allergy Ad Hoc Committee. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is currently accepting applications for membership on this committee for the following positions:

* Individuals from patient advocacy organizations representing the interests of food allergies, anaphylaxis, and related medical issues, including asthma (two positions)
* A classroom teacher employed at a public elementary school campus with at least one student with diagnosed food allergies at risk for anaphylaxis (one position)
* A member of a board of trustees of a school district (one position)
* A member of a governing body of an open-enrollment charter school (one position)
* Parents of public school students with diagnosed food allergy at risk for anaphylaxis (two positions)
* A principal of a public elementary school campus with at least one student diagnosed with food allergies at risk for anaphylaxis (one position)
* Physicians board certified in allergy and immunology by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology (four positions)
* A physician board certified in general pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics who is also a member of a statewide pediatric organization (one position)
* A superintendent of a school district (one position)
* A representative from the Texas Nurses Association (one position)

The DSHS Commissioner will appoint members to the committee to serve a period of four years. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m., Feb. 13, 2020.

* [Application](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/Advisory-Committees/docs/SB869-App19-20.docx)
* [Application Letter](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/Advisory-Committees/docs/AD-HOC-CommitteeLetter.docx)

DSHS will consider the applicants' qualifications, background and interest in serving on the committee. DSHS also tries to choose committee members who, as a whole, represent the diversity of all Texans. For that reason, DSHS considers applicants' ethnicity, gender and geographic location.

You may submit the application by email, mail or fax.

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DSHS will notify applicants by if they have been selected.

## About the Food Allergy Ad Hoc Committee

The committee is being formed to consult with the commissioner on updating the Guidelines for the Care of Students with Food Allergies At-Risk for Anaphylaxis to incorporate and specifically reference any new food allergy management best practices and treatments.

A committee member must participate in committee meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects and presentations. Committee meetings will be held in Austin at least once every three years or at the call of the DSHS commissioner. Upon availability of funds, committee members will receive reimbursement for travel only

## To Learn More

For more information about the committee or about applying to be on the committee, contact Anita Wheeler at Anita.Wheeler@dshs.texas.gov.