

**Application for Membership  
City Council Boards/Commissions/Committees  
City of Ann Arbor, Michigan**

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Name: Luay Shalabi

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Ann Arbor Resident: Yes \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Number of years as a resident: 30 years in Pittsfield  
Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) 734 216 0411 (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax) 734 822 1101

Email Address: shalabil@gee-edu.com

Occupation: School Principal

Employer Name & Address: Central Academy

2459 S. Industrial Hwy, Ann Arbor, MI. Zip: 48104

Board/Commission/Committee on which you are interested in saving:

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|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Human Rights | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____        | 4. _____ |

Reasons for seeking appointment (Areas of Interest, Goals, etc.):

Equality and respecting individual differences and needs have been a passion of mine all of my life. Working and living in the Ann Arbor area since I immigrated to America 30 years ago reiterated my respect and appreciation for diversity and multicultural communities.

When I join the Human Rights Committee, I would love to be part of the ongoing efforts to protect and respect the civil and political fundamental rights of all citizens especially minorities.

**Please submit a resume including your job experience and education along with this application or detailed letter of intent delineating relevant qualifications.**

**Resume' enclosed**

**DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In order to avoid any potential conflict of interest, I, the undersigned, agree not to be involved in any recommendations or decision making regarding any agency(ies) or entity(ies) for which I serve in the following capacity(ies) which may contract or subcontract with the city of Ann Arbor.

**Agency**

**Capacity in Which I Serve**

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Signature:

*Luay Shalabi*

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Date: 7/11/2016

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# LUAY T. SHALABI

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- CENTRAL ACADEMY — ANN ARBOR, MI** **7/97- PRESENT**
- ❖ Principal
  - ❖ Worked with the founders not only to establish Central Academy but I have been also involved in establishing eleven campuses that are run by Global Educational Excellence (GEE).
  - ❖ I frequently conduct professional development sessions in the areas of English Language Learners (ELL), Sheltered Instructional Organizational protocol (SIOP) and culture awareness across GEE schools as well as the surrounding school districts and Universities.
- DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS — DEARBORN, MI** **2/93- 6/97**
- ❖ Bilingual Resource Teacher & Bilingual Department Head
- DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS — DEARBORN, MI** **2/93-6/96**
- ❖ Adult Education
  - ❖ ESL Teacher
- ARABIC SCHOOL OF ANN ARBOR — ANN ARBOR, MI** **9/91-12/93**
- ❖ Director of Arabic language & culture Program
- NORTHFIELD MOUND HERMON SCHOOL— MASSACHUSETTS** **1992**
- ❖ Arabic Language Institute; CLASC
  - ❖ Northfield Mount Hermon School, Massachusetts
  - ❖ Summer Instructor for Arabic Program
- UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN — ANN ARBOR, MI** **1992**
- ❖ Taught courses in Arabic language & culture
- UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT — DETROIT, MI** **9/90- 1/92**
- ❖ English as a Second Language Instructor
- DIVERSIFIED EDUCATIONAL SERVICES — DETROIT, MI** **12/88-1/92**
- ❖ ESL & Arabic language & culture Instructor
- EIN-YARBROUD BOYS' SCHOOL — RAMALLAH, WEST BANK** **9/81-11/86**

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## Committees

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### State of Michigan Title III Advisory Committee

A member of this committee since 2012. A strategic plan been finalized and shared with all districts in the state of Michigan. The committee is working under the leadership of the office of Field Services (OFS) to improve the academic achievement and English proficiency of English Language Learners state wide.

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**Awards**


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Received the “Michigan Citizen of the Year Award” from the Michigan Council for social Studies in November 2001. The award was in recognition of service rendered to the community.

2015 Michigan Charter School Administrator of the Year.

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**AFFILIATIONS**


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<b>ARAB AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER</b> ❖ Co-Founder, Board member, President	<b>2000-PRESENT</b>
<b>MUSLIM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR</b> ❖ Board Member, President	<b>2004- 2009</b>
<b>MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION (MABE)</b> <b>BOARD MEMBER, THE STATE REGIONAL GROUPS COORDINATOR</b>	<b>1990- PRESENT</b>
<b>MITESOL (MICHIGAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES)</b>	
<b>PTA PRESIDENT, LOWREY MIDDLE SCHOOL; DEARBORN, MI</b> <b>1994-1996</b>	
<b>STUDENTS AT RISK COMMITTEE IN DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT WIDE</b>	<b>1994-1996</b>

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**WORKSHOP & PRESENTATION**


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<b>MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNUAL SPECIAL POPULATION CONFERENCE</b> ❖ Beating the odds in disadvantaged schools.	<b>09/2015</b>
<b>WEST BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS- WEST BLOOMFIELD, MI</b> ❖ Insights of Arab Culture	<b>02/2013</b>
<b>EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY- YPSILANTI, MI</b> ❖ <i>Perspectives of Arab American Students</i>	<b>12/2012</b>
<b>ARAB AMERICAN MUSEUM- DEARBORN, MI</b> ❖ Reclaiming Identity	<b>07/2012</b>
<b>ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOL</b> ❖ Arab American Cultural Perspectives.	<b>09/2011</b>
<b>GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY – GRAND VALLEY, MI</b> ❖ Perspectives of Middle Eastern Culture.	<b>12/2010</b>

- ❖ Understanding students' cultures and its impact on achievement

<b>MICHIGAN'S 11TH ANNUAL CHARTER SCHOOL CONFERENCE — DETROIT, MI</b>	<b>11/2008</b>
❖ Creating Culturally-Just Learning Communities: Administrators and Governance	
<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, GROWING ACHIEVEMENT CONFERENCE</b>	<b>9/2008</b>
❖ Creating Successful Schools	
<b>DIVINCI PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY — JACKSON, MI</b>	<b>3/9/2009</b>
❖ Cultural Awareness Program and Insights on Arab Culture	
<b>CMU CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFICE — MT. PLEASANT</b>	<b>2/5/2007</b>
❖ Diversity and Arab/Islamic culture	
<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SECURITY</b>	<b>2/15/2007</b>
❖ Cultural Sensitivity sessions to about 120 police officers	
<b>ANN ARBOR/YPSILANTI READS PROJECT:</b>	<b>2/2005</b>
❖ History of Arab American Immigration to U.S	
<b>WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (WISD) EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM</b>	<b>10/2002</b>
❖ Diversity and Early Childhood Learners	
<b>A SERIES OF CULTURAL AWARENESS PRESENTATIONS</b>	<b>11/2001</b>
❖ Ann Arbor Law Enforcement, all police officers in the City of Ann Arbor	
<b>CULTURAL AWARENESS TO PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE</b>	<b>11/2001</b>
<b>CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES: ARABIC AMERICANS IN ANN ARBOR, MI</b>	<b>11/2002</b>
❖ Learning in Retirement, The University of Michigan	
<b>CULTURE IDENTITY OF ARAB AMERICAN STUDENTS IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS</b>	<b>10/2002</b>
❖ Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.	
<b>ARAB AMERICAN PARENTS AND AMERICAN SCHOOLS</b>	<b>4/2002</b>
❖ The struggle between two cultures. Arab American Organization, Ann Arbor, Mi	
<b>TRANSFORMING SCHOOLS AND CLASSROOMS THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT OF EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES</b>	<b>10/2000</b>
❖ Facilitator of a workshop given by the Principals' Institute in the United States Department of Education Conference in Kentucky: Improving American Schools.	
<b>ARAB CULTURE IN ANN ARBOR COMMUNITY, A HISTORICAL BACKGROUND</b>	<b>11/2000</b>
❖ A presentation at the Ann Arbor Rotary Club	
<b>"ARAB STUDENTS AND THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO CULTURES"</b>	<b>11/1998</b>
❖ A presentation to faculty of Dearborn Public Schools district	
<b>"POST TRAUMATIC STRESS PROGRAM"</b>	<b>1996-1997</b>
❖ Received awards from Michigan Senate and House of Representative Lowrey Middle School Dearborn, MI	
<b>"INSIGHTS INTO ARABIC CULTURE"</b>	<b>1/1997</b>

- ❖ A paraprofessional professional development seminar  
Dearborn Public Schools; Dearborn, MI
  
- “ARABIC CULTURE: BRIDGING THE GAP”** **11/1996**
  - ❖ A workshop for Central Academy Staff  
Central Academy; Ann Arbor, MI
  
- “LEARNING STRATEGIES OF MIDDLE EASTERN STUDENTS”** **4/1996**
  - ❖ A workshop presented to doctoral students and staff  
Wayne State University- Detroit, MI
  
- “STRATEGIES TO TEACH CULTURE IN A DIVERSE CLASSROOM”**  
**5/1995**
  - ❖ The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bilingual & Migrant Education Conference  
Dearborn, MI
  
- “CULTURAL AWARENESS PROGRAM”** **1994/1995**
  - ❖ Monthly cultural presentations  
Lowrey Middle School Staff; Dearborn, MI
  
- “ANDRAGOGY OF ADULT ESL STUDENTS”** **4/1994**
  - ❖ Michigan’s 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bilingual / Migrant Education Conference  
Eastern Michigan University; Ypsilanti, MI
  
- “A PROFILE OF ARAB STUDENTS”** **4/1994**
  - ❖ Michigan’s 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bilingual / Migrant Education Conference  
Eastern Michigan University; Ypsilanti, MI
  
- “ARAB STUDENTS & THE CULTURAL GAP”** **10/1993**
  - ❖ Michigan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages  
Wayne State University; Detroit, MI
  
- “A PROFILE OF ARAB STUDENTS”** **4/1993**
  - ❖ Michigan Association for Foreign Student Affairs (MAFSA)  
University of Detroit; Detroit, MI
  
- “THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING STUDENTS’ CULTURAL BACKGROUND”** **5/1992**
  - ❖ Michigan’s 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bilingual / Migrant Education Conference  
Dearborn, MI
  
- “BRIDGING THE CULTURAL GAP”** **1991/1992**
  - ❖ A series of presentations to staff  
Lowrey Middle School; Dearborn, MI
  
- “COMMUNICATION - CULTURE OF COMMONERS: THE NECESSITY OF KNOWING OTHERS”** **11/1991**
  - ❖ Oakland Community College; Oakland, MI
  
- “STEREOTYPES AND ARAB STUDENTS”** **12/1990**
  - ❖ Presented for Faculty at the University of Detroit Dental School  
University of Detroit; Detroit, MI

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**EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS**

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- WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY — Detroit, MI** **2001**  
❖ Doctorate in Education  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Thesis: Cultural Identity and Academic Achievement of Arab American students in  
American Public Schools
- WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY — Detroit, MI** **1991-1992**  
❖ Secondary Teaching Certification; Grades 7-12
- EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY — Ypsilanti, MI** **1987-1988**  
❖ M.A. 1988; Major: Teaching English as a Second Language
- HEBREW UNIVERSITY — Jerusalem, West Bank** **1984**  
❖ Teacher Training Courses
- KUWAIT UNIVERSITY — Kuwait, Kuwait** **1977-1981**  
❖ B.A. 1981; Major: English Language & Literature
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