

Tempe Diablos Charities Grant Application 2019

Tempe YouthFest Courage Awards and Changemakers Recognition

Program Narrative

The Annual Tempe YouthFest Courage and Changemakers Awards event recognizes the strengths of our youth and demonstrates that we, as a community, value them. Since the inception of the YouthFest Awards in 1997, the Tempe Diablos have been the primary sponsor of this important youth recognition event. The event is sponsored by the City of Tempe and the Tempe Diablos and is a collaborative effort between the City, Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary School District, and Kyrene School District.

The Courage Awards recognize middle and high school students who have overcome incredible adversity. These youth have made their education a priority while facing life challenging events such as homelessness, financial hardship, illness, family turmoil, substance abuse and disabilities. Students at all Tempe Union High School campuses and middle school students at Kyrene Elementary and Tempe Elementary campuses are eligible to be nominated for a Courage Award.

Tempe Changemakers are young people who make positive impacts in the community and may not ordinarily receive recognition. This award category extends the “Challenge Day” event held annually at select Tempe Union high schools and Tempe Elementary District middle schools. Changemakers are recognized for being dedicated to making the world a better place, whether it’s on the school campus or in our community. Changemakers are selected by school staff at the seven Tempe Union High schools.

The Planning Committee for the YouthFest Awards includes staff from the City of Tempe Human Services Department, City of Tempe Recreation Division, City of Tempe Arts Programing, City of Tempe Community Services Department, Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary School District, and Kyrene Elementary School District. Diablos members are welcome to participate in planning as well.

The April YouthFest event is attended by youth, their families and guests, the Tempe Mayor and City Council, other city and state dignitaries, the Tempe Diablos, school board officials and educators, and other community leaders. Known as the City’s premier youth recognition event, the YouthFest Awards provide formal recognition to young people who might not ordinarily receive it and provide inspiration to other youth as well as adults. The event features remarks by the Tempe Mayor and Diablos President, award presentations by Tempe Diablos members and other dignitaries, local entertainment and dinner.

Corporations and Foundations that have given to the organization in the most immediate previous year (\$5,000.00 and above)

None. The Tempe Diablos are the primary sponsor of the YouthFest event. School Board Foundations donate have historically donated \$500 each for the event.

Annual operating budget

Revenue	
Tempe Diablos Charities	\$14,500
School District Foundation donations	\$1,500
REVENUE TOTAL	\$16,000
Expense Item	Amount
Venue & Catering	\$11,000
Awards and Recognition	\$2,200
Entertainment	\$500
Photography	\$1,250
Videographer	\$800
Printing	\$150
Office Supplies	\$100
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 16,000

List of Board of Directors

The Tempe YouthFest Courage Awards and Changemakers Recognition is administered by the City of Tempe Human Services Department. The Tempe Mayor and City Council serves as the Governing Body.

City of Tempe Mayor and City Councilmembers

Mark Mitchell, Mayor

Lauren Kubby, Vice Mayor

Jennifer Adams, Councilmember

Robin Arredondo-Savage, Councilmember

Kolby Granville, Councilmember

Randy Keating, Councilmember

Joel Navarro, Councilmember

The **Planning Committee for the YouthFest Awards** includes a broad partnership of City and School District Partners. They support the planning and implementation of the Tempe YouthFest Courage Awards and Changemakers Recognition event.

- Maja Aurora, Arts Administrator- City of Tempe Community Services Department
- Adrian Cascio, Senior Social Services Coordinator- City of Tempe Human Services Department
- Micah Corporaal, Youth Services Librarian- City of Tempe Community Services Department
- Ann Lynn DiDomenico, Social Services Supervisor- City of Tempe Human Services Department
- Nicholas Escalante, Senior Community Services Coordinator- City of Tempe Community Services Department
- Brittany Franklin, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Communication- Tempe Elementary School District
- Jennifer Liewer, Executive Director Community Relations- Tempe Union High School District
- Samantha Mason, Adaptive Recreation Coordinator- City of Tempe Community Services Department
- Mary Mezey, Social Services Supervisor- City of Tempe Human Services Department
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- Melissa Placencia, Administrative Assistant- City of Tempe Human Services Department
- Marie Raymond, Human Services Manager- City of Tempe Human Services Department
- Kris Scharlau, Human Services Manager- City of Tempe Human Services Department
- Erin Schroeder, Federal Programs Coordinator - Kyrene Elementary School District