

Tempe Diablos Charities Grant Application 2019

College Connect Tempe

Program Narrative

The mission of College Connect is to enable young people to pursue post-secondary opportunities by providing free access to resources, guidance and support. By providing relevant, timely, individualized and youth-centered services, College Connect supports youth in effectively navigating their path to college and career success.

Limited access to information about college has been identified as a significant factor that contributes to low college-going rates. In 2017, while 89% of students in Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) successfully graduated, only 67% enrolled in post-secondary education. An individual with a bachelor's degree can expect to earn three times more income over a lifetime than with a high school diploma. Currently only 52% of Tempe residents have a college degree. College Connect directly supports the City's "Tempe Achieves 65" goal that at least 65% of Tempe residents will have a credential or degree by 2030 by impacting the "increasing access" strategy.

College Connect aims to improve post-secondary enrollment by not only making information readily available, but also by providing personal guidance to navigating the variety of education pathways available. Through College Connect Tempe's interactive educational workshops, individualized one-on-one sessions and College Chats with education, youth and their parents receive free access to resources, guidance and support to map out their educational and career pathways.

A strong network of diverse partners from the education, public and private sectors, and volunteers support College Connect. Led by the City of Tempe's Human Services Department staff from the Family and Community Support section, partners convene monthly to plan, implement and evaluate program activities, share best practices for engaging and advising youth, and strategize for continuous program quality improvement. Partners include Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage, Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary School District, Kyrene Elementary School District, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Grand Canyon University, Maricopa County Community College District, and Arizona@Work- Maricopa County Youth Workforce Services. Each partner provides in-kind resources, knowledge, and time to ensure successful programming.

With the support of the Tempe Diablos, College Connect will be able to increase its reach within the middle school and high school campuses through sponsoring a full-time AmeriCorps member from the Arizona Ready for College and Career (ARCC) Program. Funds from the Diablos will support the required fees to participate with the AmeriCorps program. The AmeriCorps member will serve as a College Connect Guidance and Outreach coordinator, providing one-on-one mentoring services and workshops.

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

- City of Tempe
- Salt River Project (SRP)

Annual operating budget

Revenue	Amount
Tempe Diablos Charities	\$10,000 (requested)
Salt River Project	\$5,000
City of Tempe	\$5,000
REVENUE TOTAL	\$20,000
Expense Item	Amount
AmeriCorps Member fees	\$9,000
Annual Database (Apricot) User Fee	\$3,900
National Student Clearing House (Data Report) Fee	\$450
College Access Network Membership (training and technical assistance for mentors)	\$800
Workshop Materials	\$2,000
Student Materials	\$2,150
Printing	\$1,200
Office Supplies	\$500
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 20,000

Additionally, In-Kind support is provided by:

- City of Tempe for program staffing (0.50 FTE Program Coordinator, Public Information, Administrative Assistance, Program Manager) and Space
- Tempe Union High School District- Staffing, College Connect Partnership and Advisors
- Tempe Elementary School District- Staffing, College Connect Partnership
- Arizona State University- Staffing, College Connect Partnership and College Connect Advisors
- University of Arizona- Staffing, College Connect Partnership and College Connect Advisors
- Northern Arizona University- Staffing, College Connect Partnership and College Connect Advisors
- Mesa Community College- Staffing, College Connect Partnership and College Connect Advisors
- Rio Salado College- Staffing, College Connect Partnership and College Connect Advisors
- South Mountain Community College- Staffing, College Connect Partnership and College Connect Advisors

List of Board of Directors

College Connect Tempe is a City and Community Educational Partnership. Administered by the City of Tempe in the Human Services Department's Education, Families and Youth Development section, the Tempe Mayor and City Council serves as the Governing Body.

City of Tempe Mayor and City Councilmembers

Mark Mitchell, Mayor

Lauren Kuby, Vice Mayor

Jennifer Adams, Councilmember

Robin Arredondo-Savage, Councilmember

Kolby Granville, Councilmember

Randy Keating, Councilmember

Joel Navarro, Councilmember

Organizational members of the College Connect Tempe Partnership include:

- Tempe Union High School District
- Tempe Elementary School District
- Kyrene Elementary School District
- Arizona State University
- University of Arizona
- Northern Arizona University
- Grand Canyon University
- Mesa Community College
- Rio Salado College
- South Mountain Community College
- City of Tempe Human Services Department
- City of Tempe Community Services Department- Tempe Public Library
- Northern Arizona University- AmeriCorps- Arizona Ready for College and Career (ARCC) Program