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DOLORES HUERTA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will award \$1,000.00 to one Tempe Union High School District High School Senior. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Applications must be received by email, or in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office, by 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 14. The winner will be honored at Tempe's 2024 Neighborhood Celebration on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Dolores Huerta is a civil rights activist and community organizer who has fought for labor rights and social justice for more than 50 years. In 1962, she and Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers union. She is credited with the rallying cry, "Sí, Se Puede!" – which was first heard as she delivered remarks to Arizona farm workers, and now used both nationally and internationally outside of the farm worker movement. She received the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award from President Bill Clinton in 1998. In 2012, President Barack Obama bestowed Dolores with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the US. Additional information about Dolores Huerta can be found at www.doloreshuerta.org.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must be a High School Senior.
2. Applicants must either live in Tempe or attend a Tempe Union High School District school.
3. Applicants must demonstrate participation in projects or activities that are in alignment with the Dolores Huerta Foundation in:
 1. Community Organizing
 2. Leadership Development or
 3. Civic Engagement or Policy Advocacy
4. Applicant's work can extend beyond Tempe boundaries.
5. B Average is desired.

If chosen as a scholarship recipient:

1. Scholar is encouraged to complete (40) hours of community service with a local non-profit, student organization or with our scholarship sponsor Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC).
2. Upon a successful first year experience, scholar will be invited to submit a CPLC application to either Arizona State University or the Maricopa Community Colleges. Scholar will be afforded opportunity to participate in the scholarship interview process for a larger tuition waiver.

3. Participate in the CPLC scholarship opportunities (i.e., Town of Guadalupe Holiday Toy Drive, the Tempe Tardeada, etc.).

Instructions to Complete Application:

1. Complete this application form.
2. Respond to each award question in 500 words, per question. Attach responses to the application.
3. Attach two separate letters of recommendation to the application. One letter should address the applicant's character. The other letter should address how the applicant's work relates to Dolores Huerta.
4. Email, mail or fax the application form, essay responses, letters of recommendation, and unofficial transcript(s) to:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office
c/o Dr. Velicia McMillan Humes
31 E. Fifth Street, Mail Code 0105
Tempe, AZ 85281
Velicia_McMillan_Humes@tempe.gov

Application must be received, not postmarked, by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 14, 2024.
Please give extra time for mail delays.

5. An online application form is available at www.tempe.gov/doloreshuerta
6. For further information, email Dr. McMillan Humes, SUBJECT: Dolores Huerta Scholarship, at Velicia_McMillan_Humes@tempe.gov.

All applications will be reviewed by selected members of the Human Relations Commission. The award winner will be contacted the week of February 26, 2024.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Best time to contact you: _____

Current High School: _____

Graduation Year: _____

G.P.A (non-weighted): _____

Please answer the following two questions on separate paper and attach to this application:

1. In 500 words, describe how your projects or activities are in alignment with the Dolores Huerta Foundation in: 1. Community Organizing; 2. Leadership Development; or, 3. Civic Engagement or Policy Advocacy.
2. In 500 words, describe why you are passionate about your social justice work and how you hope to continue this work in the future.

Please attach the following to this completed application:

1. Unofficial copy of your high school transcript(s).
2. Two separate letters of recommendation from personal references (i.e., teacher, community leader, clergy, etc.). One letter should be a character letter of recommendation. The other letter should address how your work relates to Dolores Huerta.

SELF DECLARATION STATEMENT

The information I have submitted is accurate and if selected to be a scholarship recipient, I agree to have the City of Tempe, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc., and the Dolores Huerta Foundation to use my image and story for marketing purposes. My signature is below.

_____ Date: _____