

# Jamala Rogers Young Visionary Award

(Please read thoroughly and carefully before applying.)



Jamala Rogers

The Jamala Rogers Young Visionary Award serves to recognize and support young people who work for or want to work for racial justice, equality and human rights. Applicants must be between the ages of 17-26 years old and reside in the St. Louis metropolitan area. They are visionaries responding to society's most pressing social, political and economic issues.

The award is named after Jamala Rogers, a long-time respected community leader, who became active in social justice movements as a teen. She has inspired thousands of young people to use their time, talents and skills to impact and transform their lives and their communities in meaningful ways.

## Requirements

Applicants must talk about a project s/he initiated that brought about change for a specific population or that impacted a particular issue. For example, a policy or procedure was changed because of your efforts or a program was established/expanded because of your project. You should answer the following questions in no more than 200 words per question: 1) Why is youth activism important? 2) Briefly describe the project, what was your role, what were the goals and concrete impact of the project? 3) What role did you play in the project? A letter is



required from at least one adult associated with the program or project who can confirm its impact or a letter of recommendation if you choose a leadership training or conference focusing of racial/social justice. The application package can also include photos, news clippings, etc. that document the project.

## Categories

### ▪ A Community Impact Project

Applicant can cite a community service project s/he initiated in the past two years that brought about change for a specific population or which impacted a particular issue. The recipient must already be enrolled or will enroll in a college or vocational institution by the next academic semester. The monetary award will be made directly to the institution y or will be attending.

### ▪ Proposal to Attend Conference or Training

Applicant would like to attend a training on leadership development or organizing that will improve her/his ability to be a more effective change agent. The monetary award will be made directly to the conference or training group and must be used within the year.

### ▪ Proposal for a Special Project or Campaign

Applicant would like to apply the monetary award to a special project that s/he is doing to impact a problem. A budget must be included. This could be a non-partisan campaign, video, etc.

**The deadline for applications is Saturday, October 15, 2016.** The application package can be mailed to the post office box below or emailed to [ycpd\\_stl@yahoo.com](mailto:ycpd_stl@yahoo.com).

The Jamala Rogers Young Visionary Award is a project of the Youth Council for Positive Development.

Tax-deductible contributions can be made at [www.positiveyouthdev.com](http://www.positiveyouthdev.com)

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