

Jamala Rogers Young Visionary Award

(Please read thoroughly and carefully before applying.)

The Jamala Rogers Young Visionary Award is open to all young people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex or gender orientation.



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 (this includes the bi-state region). They are responding to society's 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 transform their lives and their communities in meaningful ways.

Requirements

>Applicant's submission should outline in 500-750 words a project s/he/they initiated that brought about a fundamental change for a specific population or neighborhood. The applicant should talk about what role s/he/they played in the project and what the outcomes were. Elaborate on the importance of youth activism and what inspires you to be a change agent.

>You can submit spoken word or a video of yourself responding to the above.

>A letter is required from an adult associated with the program or project who can confirm its impact.

>The application package can also include photos, news clippings, etc. that document your 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.

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Types of Categories

▪ Community Impact Project

The selected recipient who chooses to use an impactful community service project s/he/they completed within the past two years, the monetary award will be made directly to the institution s/he/they are already enrolled in or will enroll in the next academic semester. This could be a vocational school, university, etc.

▪ Attend a Conference or Training

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

▪ Special Project or Campaign

The selected recipient can apply the monetary award to a special project that s/he/they will do to impact a problem. A budget must be included as to how the award would be spent. This could be a community campaign, video about an issue, etc.

The deadline for applications is April 17, 2020. The application must be mailed to PO Box 5277, St. Louis MO 63115 or emailed to ycpd_stl@yahoo.com. For more information, call 314.367.5959.

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.