



Thunderbird Charities Grant Application

MISSION

Thunderbirds Charities was established in 1986 as the charitable arm of the Phoenix Thunderbirds. Its purpose is to grant funds generated by the Waste Management Phoenix Open. The mission of Thunderbirds Charities is to assist children and families, help people in need and improve the quality of life in our communities. Each year, Thunderbirds Charities solicits grant proposals that support; at-risk youth & families, community outreach/quality of life, education, improving the lives of the physically and mentally challenged or works to eliminate domestic violence/homelessness/poverty.

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES

To be eligible, a charity must hold a 501 (c) (3) non-profit status and be based in Arizona. Thunderbirds Charities reserves the right to accept or reject any application and to approve or disapprove any proposal for funding. Thunderbirds Charities also reserves the right to change the application criteria at any time. Please refer to the list below for more detailed information. Other guidelines may apply and will be evaluated on an individual basis. Thunderbirds Charities provides grants ranging in size from \$5,000 to \$250,000, depending on revenues.

Thunderbirds Charities does not intend to provide funding to;

- A nonprofit organization whose 501 (c) (3) status has been in operation for less than three years.
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, marital status, age, disability or veteran status.
- Individuals.
- Political, labor or fraternal organizations.
- Funding advocacy or lobbying activities for issue related topics.
- Funding medical or scientific research.
- Endowments, Fellowships or Scholarships (for college purposes).
- Religious organizations, churches or programs that are purely denominational in purpose.
- Foundations or organizations, which are themselves, grant-making entities.
- Individual schools and their support organizations (including Booster Clubs, PTA/PTO's, athletic teams, bands, performing arts groups, alumni associations or reunions) .
- Funding debt reduction campaigns.
- Funding for general operating needs or ongoing support.
- Funding for project's / program's outside of Maricopa County, unless the project / program, serves primarily Maricopa County residents.

FUNDING DEADLINES

Thunderbirds Charities has two funding cycles per fiscal year, with specific deadlines targeted to each. For both cycles, in order for the proposal to be considered, the complete proposal along with required attachments must be received by the Thunderbird office by the deadline date stated below.

- **The fall grant cycle submission deadline is September 1, 2011.**
- **The spring grant cycle submission deadline is March 1, 2012.**

Thunderbirds Charities fiscal year runs June 1st through May 31st. Organizations may apply only once per fiscal year. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Ruggiero at 602-216-7325 or cruggiero@wmphoenixopen.com.



THUNDERBIRDS CHARITIES GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please answer the questions and confine your typewritten information to the word count listed.
2. Complete each section according to the instructions for the information being requested.
3. Mail or deliver completed application along with required supporting documentation to the address below. Please be sure to keep a copy for your records as well.

Please send everything to:

Thunderbirds Charities
7226 N. 16th Street, Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85020

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Applications submitted without these materials will not be considered.

Include copies of the following documents with your completed application form:

1. Most recent IRS 501(c) (3) tax-exempt determination letter. Using a "second party" 501(c) (3) status is not permitted.
2. Audited, reviewed or compiled financial statements (to include balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement) from the two most recently completed fiscal years.
3. The Form 990 (most recently filed with the IRS)
4. Annual operating budget for current year.
5. Program / Project budget for which you are requesting funding
6. A list of any funds raised to date and from whom for the program/project you are requesting funding for.
7. Annual report, if available, but not required.
8. A list of the Board of Directors of the organization, including primary business or professional affiliation of each.
9. A complete list of corporations and foundations that have given to the organization in the most immediate previous year and how much each has given (\$5,000 and above).
10. Completed application. Failure to conform to word count limitation could cause an application to be rejected.

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SECTION I

Please complete the following information regarding your organization.

Date: _____

Organization: _____ Website: _____

Physical Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Prior Thunderbirds Charities Grants:

Yr: _____ \$ _____ Yr: _____ \$ _____ Yr: _____ \$ _____

Requested Grant Amount: \$ _____ Project Director: _____

Project Title:

Project: Briefly & concisely explain the project /program you are requesting funding for (maximum word count 250).

CATEGORY: Please check only one. Mark the emphasis of the project for which funding is requested, although your organization may serve more than one area.

_____ At-Risk Youth & Families

_____ Community Outreach / Quality of Life

_____ Domestic Violence / Homeless / Poverty

_____ Education

_____ Improving the Lives of the Physically & Mentally Challenged

_____ Other _____



Thunderbirds Charities Grant Application 2011-2012 SECTION II

Please complete the following information about your organization.

1. **ORGANIZATION PURPOSE:** Please give us a statement about your organization including: the mission of the organization; the need or problem that your organization works to address; a brief description of current projects and the population your organization serves (**maximum word count 400**).

2. **PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS:** Please describe the project for which you seek funding, including: objectives or purpose of this project; the population and geographic area you plan to serve and how they will benefit from the project; specific activities or strategies that you will employ to implement the project; the anticipated duration of the project and how your organization will evaluate the effectiveness of this project, if funded (**maximum word count 600**).