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ACHIEVES NEWSLETTER

Outstanding Young Man/Young Woman

The Outstanding Young Man and Young Woman (OYMYW) of the Year program recognizes and honors the outstanding achievements of young people, enhances the perception of youth and raises community awareness of the positive contributions of youth.

This awards program is open to any students currently enrolled in high school in Phoenix or live within Phoenix city limits. Here's how it works:

- One young man and one young woman will be selected as winners from each city council district and receive an award of \$500.
- In addition, each district-level winner will be eligible for an additional \$1,500 award if they are selected as the citywide winners.

Students interested in applying will need to write an essay, submit a recommendation letter. Finalists will be interviewed by judges of the program including members of the Phoenix Rotary 100, SRP and APS. District award winners will be invited to a luncheon sponsored by Rotary 100, SRP and APS where the citywide award winners will be announced.

Eligible students can apply [here](#) through the online application form before 5 p.m. February 26.

Black & Brown College Bound Virtual Event

The Phoenix Akarama Foundation is collaborating with several community organizations on the Black and Brown College Bound, Education in a COVID Country, virtual boot camp for high school students, college students and their families. The event takes place on Saturday, March 6, from 2-3:30 p.m.

The virtual boot camp includes workshop topics on virtual learning, college applications process, COVID facts, self-expression, and several more.

Two lucky participants can received domestic roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines.

This event is free and open to all high school and college students looking to transfer to a four-year university! Register [here](#) today!



Upcoming Events

February 26:
Outstanding Young Man/
Woman Applications Due

March 6:
Black and Brown College
Bound Virtual Even



Phoenix Sky Harbor Educational Resources

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is providing engaging, educational activities in both English and Spanish, as well as a S.T.E.A.M. component. It's all easily accessible through the links on our airport website below. Are you looking for some fun, learning activities that will keep your kids busy on days you're cooped up inside? Well, check out our own Phoenix Sky Harbor website. Challenge your children with intriguing word searches, word scrambles and word matches. We've also added new coloring pages.

Enrich your schools and community by clicking [here](#).

AmeriCorps Member Recruitment

The Youth and Education Office is looking for committed and passionate individuals to assist young people in a variety of educational and life skills building!

To join the program, you have to meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be 18+ years of age
- US Citizen, National, or Permanent Legal Resident
- Signed service agreement and commitment to serve up to 12 months
- Must have interpersonal skills, be team-oriented, reliable, and committed!

The benefits include:

- A monthly stipend of up to \$437 PLUS an Education Award of up to \$3,175 upon completion of program
- Valuable training and work experience
- Develop new skills and leadership skills
- Serve with a talented, mission-driven team dedicated to improving literacy

Join the team and make a difference in your community!

For more information, please call (602) 256-4388 or click [here](#).

Mayor Gallego's Birthday Book Club

Mayor Gallego announced the first annual Mayor's Birthday Book Club to promote the importance of early childhood education and literacy.

Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education, and media company, has teamed up with Mayor Gallego's Office to kick start this program. The first year of the Mayor's Birthday Book Club will include 500 books sent to children in pre-k to 3rd grade during their birthday month, with the potential to expand next year and beyond. The Mayor will send a special birthday message with each book, as well as literacy tips for the family to support reading together at home.

"As a lifelong reader and mother of a four-year-old, early childhood education and literacy are of personal importance to me," said Mayor Kate Gallego. "The research shows that children who have access to age-appropriate books in their homes are better prepared for school and have a stronger foundation for success throughout their lives. The success of our youngest residents is crucial to our city's future and I hope this program is the start of a larger impact for our community."

This program is aligned with the goals of Read On Phoenix and the My Brother's Keeper early childhood education and literacy pillars. The selected title for the first year of the program is *Be You!* by bestselling author-illustrator Peter H. Reynolds. Families can sign up to receive their copy [here](#).

Do you have an upcoming event or general information you would like to share with others? Email the Youth and Education Office at mailbox.youth@phoenix.gov to be featured next quarter!