

# Diller TEEN TIKKUN OLAM AWARDS

## Writeable Sample Application

### Directions

All application questions must be completed by the teen applicant themselves.

In the application portal, all required fields on a single page must be completed before that page can be saved.

It is recommended that the applicant draft and save long form answers prior to submitting online.

We discourage the use of ChatGPT or other AI writing tools as we prefer to read the authentic responses of each applicant. However, we encourage you to ask a parent or other adult to read your application before submitting.

### Statement of Values

The Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards is a program of the Helen Diller Family Foundation. Jewish values inform the work of the Foundation in an effort to create ripples of good in the world. In the words of Helen Diller(z"l), "It's never too late, too early, or too often to give back and make the world a better place."

The Foundation is committed to engendering respect for all humanity and building bridges of understanding between different cultures. We welcome diversity within the Jewish community and embrace its racial, ethnic, and religious differences. The Foundation condemns any organization or ideology associated with hatred, including, but not limited to racism, misogyny, anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination, antisemitism (including efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel or its right to exist), and any other form of bigotry or harassment.

- I have read and agree to uphold the values of the Helen Diller Family Foundation as described above.

**Once ready to submit, please do so in the [Application Portal](#).**

If you have any questions, please contact us:

Email: [dillerteenawards@sfjcf.org](mailto:dillerteenawards@sfjcf.org)

Call or Text: 415-684-8618

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# Personal Information

## Contact Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Birthdate:

Mailing Street:

Mailing City:

Mailing State:

Mailing Zip/Postal Code:

## Affiliations

Current Academic Level:

- Middle School/Junior High School
- High School
- College/University
- Not in school

Select all programs, clubs, groups, and organizations in which you have been involved:

American Jewish Coalition	Israel Experience program
BBYO	Jewish Day Camp
B'nei Akiva	Jewish Overnight Camp
Boy / Girl Scouts	National Honors Society
Chabad	NCSY
CTeen	NFTY
Diller Teen Fellows	Repair the World
Habitat for Humanity	Robotics
Hazon JYCM	Speech/Debate
Hillel	USY
Honeycomb (or a local Jewish Teen Philanthropy program)	Young Judaea

If Add New Org, Add Additional Organization(s):

Tell us about yourself and your involvement and leadership with programs, activities, or volunteering, outside of your project. You may share in list form (bullet points) or as a narrative paragraph. Please keep your response under 150 words.

### **Demographics**

*To address issues of diversity and representation, we are asking the following demographics questions. These questions are all optional.*

Which best describes your Jewish affiliation?

- Conservative
- Jewish Renewal
- Just Jewish
- Modern Orthodox
- Orthodox
- Reconstructionist
- Reform
- Secular
- Traditional
- I prefer to self-describe (describe here)

How do you identify? (select all that apply):

- Female
- Male
- Nonbinary
- Genderqueer
- I prefer to self-describe
- I prefer not to answer

If you self-describe, self-describe here:

Please provide your pronouns:

- He/Him
- She/Her
- They/Them
- She/They
- He/They
- I prefer to self-describe
- I prefer not to answer

Do you identify as (select all that apply):

- Asian/Asian American
- Black/African/African American
- Caucasian/White
- Latino/Latina/Latinx/Hispanic
- Middle Eastern
- Multi-racial
- Native American/Alaska Native
- Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
- Person of Color
- I prefer to self-describe
- I prefer not to answer

If you self-describe, self-describe here:

Do you identify as LGBTQ+?

- Yes
- No

If you identify as ethnically Jewish, which of the following most closely reflects your identity?

- Ashkenazi
- Mizrahi
- Sephardi
- Some combination Ashkenazi, Mizrahi, and/or Sephardi
- I do not identify as ethnically Jewish
- I prefer not to answer

# Project Information

All responses should be under 150 words.

1. Project Title:
2. Select 1-2 project issue areas that align **most closely** to your project:

Advocacy / Activism	Food Security
Anti-poverty / Economic	Gender Equality
Opportunity	Health
Anti-Semitism	Immigration / Refugees
Civic Engagement / Voting	LGBTQ+
Climate Justice / Environment	Mental Health
Disability Justice	Philanthropy
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	Racial Justice
Education	Seniors/Elder Support
Technology	Equity / Access

3. When did the project begin (Month)
4. When did the project begin? (Year)
5. A **mission statement** explains why your project exists and what its overall goals are. **Target population** is the group of individuals your project intends to benefit. Please share your project's mission statement, including your target population.
6. A **vision statement** outlines an organization's long-term goals and aspirations for the future in terms of growth and impact on the world. Please share your project's vision statement.
7. How is your project unique and what makes it stand out in comparison to other projects that address your issue area(s)?

## *Project Background*

7. Share how your project began, including who and what inspired you.

8. Did your project exist before you became involved?

- Yes
- No

*If yes, what is the existing project name?*

9. Is your project dedicated to supporting an existing organization (for example, raising funds, volunteers, resources, awareness)?

- Yes
- No

*If yes, what is that organization's name and Employer ID Number (EIN)?*

10. Describe how your project is organized. Include the names, roles, and responsibilities of others who are involved, including the role of volunteers and organizational partners, if applicable. Please be clear about your specific role and responsibilities as a leader.

11. Describe how adults have supported your project. For example, providing introductions to professional contacts, financial resources, media connections, advice, mentorship, guidance, etc. Please specifically address your parents' and/or guardians' involvement in your project.

## *Project Leadership*

*NOTE: Teens who have created and co-led with others are welcome to apply individually for the Diller Tikkun Olam Award. In such cases, each applicant must meet the criteria and will be considered and evaluated separately for their leadership role and impact, and no more than one applicant can be selected as an award recipient.*

12. Which of these best describes your contribution to the project?

- *Created the project from the start as the founder or co-founder*
- *Expanded or added to a project that existed before I was involved*

*If created the project, select which title describes your role as it relates to the founding of this project?*

- *Solo Founder: the sole person who started the project.*
- *Co-Founder: one of two or more people who started the project.*

*If Co-Founder:*

*What is the co-founder or cofounders title and specific responsibilities? What are your individual contributions to the project?*

*If expanded the project:*

*When did the project begin and when did you first become involved?*

*How did you expand the project? List your individual contributions and accomplishments towards the expansion of the project.*

13. How has your commitment to your project changed over time?

14. What is the average number of hours you spend on your project per week? If your project is seasonal, has a higher volume of work at different times of the year, or your involvement in the project shifts throughout the year, please indicate what those times are and how your involvement and activity change.



# Leadership and Tikkun Olam

*All responses should be under 150 words.*

1. Tell us about your core leadership qualities and how you have grown as a leader throughout your project.
2. Describe a challenge and how it has impacted your leadership.
3. Share how you connect to Jewish identity and/or heritage. There is no intention to elicit a particular answer; Jewish connection takes many forms.
4. What does tikkun olam mean to you?

# Impact and Fundraising

*All responses should be under 150 words.*

**Impact at large:** Can you explain how your project makes an impact on the target population(s) that your project aims to benefit? How do your individual contributions drive this impact?

**Qualitative Impact** is an assessment of how your project has succeeded in driving change using narrative descriptions such as storytelling. Please describe the qualitative impact of your project. If your project has existed for more than one year, please describe how the qualitative impact has changed year over year. **Quantitative Impact** is an assessment of how your project has succeeded in driving change using data or numbers. Some examples may include the number of people served, amount of donated goods, or the total funds raised. If your project has existed for more than one year, please break down the numbers by year. If you joined an existing project, please focus on the quantitative impact since you joined the project. Please share the quantitative impacts of your project in list form (bullet points) or as a narrative paragraph.

## *Financial Information*

**501(c)(3)** is the government status of a non-profit which designates it as a tax-exempt, charitable organization.

**Fiscal Sponsorship** is a partnership between a project and a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in which the project receives access to grants and tax-deductible contributions, through the 501(c)(3) organization.

1. Is your project a registered 501(c)(3)?
  - Yes
  - No
  - In Progress
  - Fiscal Sponsorship with umbrella organization

(If yes) If your organization is a registered 501(c)(3), what is your organization's name and Employer Identification Number (EIN)?

(If Fiscal Sponsorship with umbrella organization) If Fiscal Sponsorship, what is the organization's name and Employer Identification Number (EIN)? What resources/support do you receive from your Fiscal Sponsor?

2. Do you raise funds (monetary donations) that help run this project?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

If yes for raising funds that help run the project:

What amount (monetary donations) have you raised to date? USD \$

Describe how the funds are raised.

Describe how the funds are allocated.

Who is responsible for handling the funds?

3. Do you raise funds to donate to a cause?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

If yes for raising funds to donate to a cause:

List each donation you have made as an organization.

How are funds raised for donations?

4. We define compensation as money received by someone for their work on a project. Has anyone involved in your project been compensated?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

If yes, what was the amount of compensation, to whom and for what?

5. Have you received donations of goods and services? Goods and services are donated items, donation of space, or other tangible resources at no cost.
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

If yes, describe the donations of goods and services you have received.

## Engagement of Others

*All responses should be under 150 words.*

1. Does your project have volunteers? We define volunteers as anyone who works in any capacity with you on your project without receiving compensation. Volunteers can be adults or other teens and may or may not hold a formal role or title. Examples of positions that volunteers might hold could be as organization include members, chairs or board members.
  - Yes
  - No

If yes,

How many volunteers have worked on your project? Please include total number of volunteers and number of current/active volunteers.

What roles do the volunteers play in your project?

Can volunteers obtain community service credit for participating in your project? If yes, please describe.

Out of all volunteers, approximately how many are teens/peers?

2. Does your project have chapters, teams or affiliated clubs?
  - Yes
  - No

If yes, how many chapters, teams or affiliated clubs are there associated with your project and how do they operate? As an example, if your project runs as an after-school club in multiple schools, please describe the average number of students in each club, how frequently they meet, and the primary purpose of each club.

3. Do you involve members of your project's target population (the group of individuals the project intends to benefit) when making decisions about your project? Please explain.

# Communications, Marketing, and Outreach

*All responses should be under 150 words.*

1. Please list how you spread awareness about your project through marketing and outreach. Examples include email outreach, website, social media, fliers, word of mouth, and partnerships with other organizations. You may share in list form (bullet points).
  
2. You may submit up to four links to media/press highlighting your project.
  
3. Include the web addresses and handles to your organization's web and social media presence. Leave blank if not applicable.
  - Website:
  
  - Instagram web address:
    - Number of Instagram Followers:
  
  - TikTok web address:
    - Number of Tiktok Followers:
  
  - Facebook web address:
    - Number of Facebook Followers:
  
  - Twitter web address:
    - Number of Twitter Followers:
  
  - YouTube web address:
    - Number of YouTube Subscribers:
  
  - LinkedIn web address:
    - Number of LinkedIn Followers:
  
  - Other Social Media web address:
    - Number of Other Social Media Followers:

# Sustainability

*All responses should be under 150 words.*

1. What are the plans for your project moving forward? Please be specific and include short-term (within the next year) and long-term plans.

2. Do you have any plans to transition leadership in the future?

If yes, please explain your leadership transition plans; to whom and by when?

If no, please explain why transition plans are not necessary.

3. If, for whatever reason, you were unable to continue working on your project tomorrow, what would happen? Would the project continue in some way or end without your leadership? Please explain.

# Supporting Attachments

*This section is optional; these questions are not required. Responses should be under 150 words.*

1. Share any additional information you would like the review and selection committees to know about you and your project leadership. You may share in list form (bullet points) or as a narrative paragraph.
  
2. List any awards, grants, or public recognition your project has received (or you have received on behalf of your project). You may share in list form (bullet points) or as a narrative paragraph.
  
3. You may include up to four attachments, not exceeding a total of ten pages. *PDF format only*. Please rename the documents. Type of attachments:
  - Budget
  - Educational Curriculum
  - Letter of Recommendation
  - Marketing Materials
  - Photographs
  - Professional Writing
  - Resume
  - Other

## Final Questions and Submit your Application

1. Have you applied to the Diller Tikkun Olam Awards before?
  - Yes
  - No
  
2. If yes, in which years have you applied? *(Select all that apply)*
  - 2024 (last year)
  - 2023
  - 2022
  - 2021
  - 2020
  - 2019
  - 2018
  
3. Where did you hear about the Diller Tikkun Olam Awards? *(Select all that apply)*
  - Diller Email List
  - Family Member
  - Friend
  - Nominator
  - Local Jewish Organization
  - Online Advertisement
  - Past Nominee or Applicant
  - Past Award Recipient
  - Scholarship Website
  - Social Media
  - Web Search
  - Other
  
4. Please specify (for example, name of website, name of person):



## **Confirmations**

- By checking this box, I agree to receive communications via text about my application.
- By checking this box, I confirm that I completed this application myself and all of the information is accurate to the best of my ability.

By checking the boxes below, if selected as a recipient, I accept the following requirements:

- I will attend the awards events in San Francisco, scheduled for August 2025 (up to four days of programs and events).
- I will make myself available for 1-2 days during June and July to participate in photography and filming for the Diller Tikkun Olam Awards recipient video.
- I will periodically provide brief updates and contact information (email, cell, address, etc.) to the Helen Diller Family Foundation after receiving the Award.
- I will use the Award money either to further my tikkun olam work or for my education.

## **Submit Application**

Thank you for taking the time to complete your application for the 2025 Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards. Click submit to complete your application. Once submitted, you cannot make any changes. A confirmation email will be sent to your email following the submission of the application. Semifinalists are notified in February.