Diller TEEN
TIKKUN OLAM AWARDS

Writeable Sample Application

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

We discourage the use of ChatGPT or other AI writing tools as we prefer to read the authentic responses of each applicant. These tools can be used as thought partners but should not be used to write any submitted responses. Authentic responses from applicants themselves are required. Applications that use AI generated responses may be disqualified.

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.

Once ready to submit, please log into the Application Portal.

If you have any questions, please contact us:
Email: DillerTeenAwards@JewishFed.org
Call or Text: 415-684-8618

Application Sections

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Personal Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Birthdate:

Mailing Street:

Mailing City:

Mailing State:

Mailing Zip/Postal Code:

Affiliations
Current Academic Level:

- High School
  - School Name
- College/University
  - School Name
- Not in school

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

Model United Nations	Israel Experience program

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

Please provide the name of the camps, programs, or organizations here.

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 and do not factor into application scoring.

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

If you self-describe, self-describe here:

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

Which best describes your Jewish affiliation?

- Conservative
- Jewish Renewal
- Just Jewish
- Modern Orthodox
- Orthodox
- Reconstructionist
- Reform
- Secular
- Traditional
- Unaffiliated
- I prefer to self-describe
- Not Jewish

If you self-describe, self-describe here:

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

- Ashkenazi
- Beta Israel
- Mizrahi
- Sephardi
- Some combination of the above
- I do not identify as ethnically Jewish
- I prefer not to answer

Have you applied to the Diller Tikkun Olam Awards before?

- Yes
- No

If yes, in which years have you applied? (List all that apply)

Project Information

All responses should be under 150 words.

Project Title:

Select 1-2 project issue areas that align most closely to your project:

Advocacy / Activism	Gun Safety
Anti-poverty / Economic Opportunity	Health
Antisemitism	Immigration / Refugee Support
Civic Engagement / Voting	Jewish Peoplehood
Climate Justice / Environment	LGBTQ+ Equality
Disability Justice	Mental Health & Emotional Support
Education	Philanthropy
Equity/Access	Racial Justice
Food Security	Seniors/Elder Support
Gender Equality	Technology

When did the project begin (Month)
When did the project begin? (Year)

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. (Word Count: 150)

How does your project work in practice? Please provide a brief overview. (Word Count: 150)

What sets your project apart from others working on the same issue area(s)? (Word Count: 150)

Project Background and Leadership

Share who inspired you or what motivated you to start or become involved with your project. (Word Count: 150)

Which of these best describes your contribution to the project?

- Created the Project from the start as the founder or co-founder
    - *If a co-founder:* List the title(s) and specific responsibilities of your co-founder(s)? What are your individual contributions to the project? (Word Count: 150)
        - Does your co-founder know you are applying?
        - Is your co-founder supportive of your applying for the award?
        - Is your co-founder also applying for the award?
            - Do you and your co-founder understand that only one of you may be selected to receive the award?
- Expanded or added to a project that existed before I was involved
    - *If expanded:* When did the project begin and when did you first become involved? (Word Count: 150)
        - If the project had a different name before you became involved, what was it?
        - How did you expand the project? List your individual contributions and accomplishments towards the expansion of the project. (Word Count: 150)
        - Please specify whether your expansion is creating an additional chapter or club of any existing organization.

NOTE: Teens who have co-created and co-led a project with others are welcome to apply individually for the Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Award. Each applicant must meet the criteria and will be considered separately for their leadership and impact. However, even if multiple applicants qualify, only one applicant per project can be selected as an Award recipient.

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

- Yes

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

- No

Describe your project's organizational structure. Include your own leadership role and the responsibilities of volunteers and partners. (Word Count: 150)

How have adults supported your project (e.g., mentorship, funding, media outreach, or professional connections)? Please include any specific involvement from your parents or guardians. (Word Count: 150)

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. (Word Count: 150)

Jewish Identity and Tikkun Olam

All responses should be under 150 words.

Share how you connect to Jewish identity and/or heritage. There is no intention to elicit a particular answer; Jewish connection takes many forms.

What does *tikkun olam* mean to you?

How does your project reflect the value of *tikkun olam*?

Impact and Fundraising

All responses should be under 150 words.

Describe your project's **qualitative** impact using narrative examples. If applicable, explain how this impact has evolved over time.

Describe your project's **quantitative** impact using data (e.g., people served, goods donated, funds raised). If applicable, provide a breakdown of metrics by year. Feel free to use bullet points.

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.

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 In progress: If your organization is in the process of becoming a registered 501(c)(3), please describe your current stage in the application process. Include the name of the organization listed on your filing and your Employer Identification Number (EIN), if available.

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

Do you raise funds (monetary donations) that help run this project?

- Yes
- No

If yes for raising funds that help run the project:

- What amount (monetary donations) have you raised to date? USD $
- Explain the specific methods your project uses to raise funds (e.g., grants, registration fees, sale of goods, digital platforms).
- Describe how the funds are allocated.
- Who is responsible for handling the funds?

Do you raise funds to donate to a cause?

- Yes
- No

If yes for raising funds to donate to a cause:

- List each donation you have made as an organization. (Word Count: 150)
- How are funds raised for donations? (Word Count: 150)

Has your project received any donated goods or services? This includes any physical items, supplies, equipment, free use of space, or professional services provided at no cost—such as legal help, consulting, design work, or other expert support.

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe the donated goods and services your project has received. (Word Count: 150)

We define **compensation** as money, goods, or services received by someone for their work on a project. Compensation includes one time stipends or monthly stipends. Grants and donations are not considered compensation.

Have you been compensated for your work on your project?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please explain. (Word Count: 150)

Has anyone involved in your project been compensated?

- Yes
- No

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

If your project has income or expenses, please provide your budget as a supporting attachment.

Engagement of Others

All responses should be under 150 words.

Many projects not only provide direct support to people, but also rely on unpaid individuals who contribute their time and skills. These may include teens or adults who serve as volunteers, board members, or leaders as part of the work of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). This section focuses on how your project involves these ongoing, unpaid contributors. For simplicity, we'll refer to all of these individuals as **volunteers** in the questions below.

Does your project include volunteers who help advance your mission?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please include total number of volunteers and number of current/active volunteers.

- How many volunteers have worked on your project?
- What role do the volunteers play in your project? (Word Count: 150)
- Can volunteers obtain community service credit for participating in your project? If yes, please describe. (Word Count: 150)
- Out of all volunteers, approximately how many are teens/peers?

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? (Word Count: 150)

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.

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.

How do you spread awareness about your project (e.g., email, website, social media, flyers, word of mouth, partnerships)? You may respond in bullet points. (Word Count: 150)

Include the web addresses and handles to your organization's web and social media presence.

Leave blank if not applicable.

- Website:
  for example: https://www.dillerteenawards.org
- Instagram web address:
  for example: https://www.instagram.com/dillerteenawards
- TikTok web address:
  for example: https://www.tiktok.com/@DillerTeenAwards
- X/Twitter web address:
  For example: https://twitter.com/dillerawards
- YouTube web address:
  For example: https://www.youtube.com/user/dillerteenawards
- LinkedIn web address:
  For example:
  https://www.linkedin.com/company/diller-teen-tikkun-olam-awards
- Other social media web address or other media (ex. Videos):
  For example: https://medium.com/@DillerTeenAwards

You may submit up to four links to media/press highlighting your project. Please include the full website address hyperlink (URLs)
(for example, https://www.dillerteenawards.org).

Leave blank if not applicable.

Sustainability

All responses should be under 150 words.

Sustainability is the ability of your project to continue making an impact over time. Whether through leadership transition, continued involvement, or another approach, please share your plan for how your project's impact will continue.

Describe your involvement in your project going forward. Please be specific and include short-term (within the next year) and long-term plans and goals, including any plans to expand your project.

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.

Supporting Attachments

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

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.

Share any additional information you would like the review and selection committees to know about you and your project leadership.

Do you have any supporting documents to upload?

You may include up to four additional attachments. Please do not exceed a total of ten pages. Supplemental materials should only be included if they help to create a fuller understanding of your leadership and your project. Do not include your academic transcripts. Please name all files with your full name and the file type. i.e., "FullName-Resume".

- Budget
- Educational Curriculum
- Letter of Recommendation
- Marketing Materials
- Photographs

- Professional Writing
- Resume
- Other

Final Questions and Submit your Application

Confirmations

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 2027 (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 understand Award funds are intended to be used towards my education or to further my work in *tikkun olam*—repairing the world.

Submit Application

Thank you for taking the time to complete your application for the 2027 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.