

# Manuel Valenzuela Scholarship

## HIV/AIDS Scholarship for young adults

**Manuel Valenzuela was the oldest of six in a loving family. He was a [protector and by example, taught his siblings to be understanding, accepting and most of all, kind. Manuel was also gay. Through Manuel's advocacy, the Valenzuela household, which never had much, was a safe place for friends who have found themselves homeless after coming out to their families. Manuel's advocacy for his friends and family continued through adulthood. In 1993, at the age of 28, Manuel was diagnosed with an advanced stage of HIV/AIDS and passed away shortly after. Manuel continues to inspire those who knew him.**

The one thousand dollar Manuel Valenzuela HIV/AIDS Scholarship is open to all young adults between the ages of 16-28, who demonstrate an active commitment to fighting AIDS through their leadership and social change in the city of Phoenix.

### **Who should apply?**

The scholarship is will be award to a young adult who demonstrates leadership and social change in fighting HIV/AIDS. Examples included (but not limited to): peer leader or mentor, activist in the community, educating others, social change efforts and innovation.

### **Requirements:**

Submissions must include the follow items:

1. A completed application
2. A written Essay, not to exceed 1,500 words, in which you:
  - a. Reflect on the ways in which your life has been impacted by HIV/AIDS.
  - b. Describe how you are demonstrating leadership and social change in fighting HIV/AIDS.
  - c. Detail how the scholarship will help you into continue to fight HIV/AIDS in a way that makes a difference.
3. Provide one written Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, Community leader, Doctor or other adult who is directly involved in your HIV/AIDS– related leadership.

### **Deadline:**

Application, Essay and Letter of Recommendation is due on January 27,2018 by 5:00 p.m. The award will be announced on February 20,2018 at the Fast Track Ad Hoc meeting.

**Contact:** Tamyra Spendley at 602-534-0576 or email [Tamyra.spendley@pheonix.gov](mailto:Tamyra.spendley@pheonix.gov) for any questions.

## Manuel Valenzuela \$1,000 Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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