

**DemocraSeed**  
**2019-2020 Application Worksheet**

**DemocraSeed empowers Arizona youth through creative problem solving and entrepreneurship to tackle their communities' toughest challenges.**

A partnership between the Center for the Future of Arizona and ASU's Public Service Academy, DemocraSeed mentors and trains students in city and tribal youth councils to utilize design thinking to develop innovative programs to increase civic engagement.

Through the year-long program, selected youth councils will work with ASU Mentor Advisers to learn how to utilize design-thinking and an entrepreneurial mindset to research/define a community-based issue, create a solution that fosters youth civic engagement, and pilot the solution. Near the end of the fiscal year, youth councils attend a Final Showcase event and present their projects to an esteemed judging panel. Youth Councils will be evaluated and presented with prize packages.

For the 2019-2020 program, youth councils will develop innovative solutions to address the priorities of The Arizona We Want, a shared vision of success around what matters most to Arizonans. These priorities include:

- Jobs
- Education
- Young Talent
- Health & Well-being
- Natural Resources
- Infrastructure
- Civic Participation
- Connected Communities

Regular work of the DemocraSeed program, including in-depth training and facilitation by ASU Mentor Advisers, should occur at consistent youth council meetings throughout the year. Critical dates that should be held by youth councils for in-person programming for the 2019-2020 program include:

- September 7th: Training Day I
- January 18th: Training Day II
- April 11th: Final Showcase
- May: Presentations to City or Tribal Councils

Travel stipends may be awarded to selected youth councils on an as-needed basis.

This worksheet is designed to help prepare the youth councils with the required information to complete the online application. Once complete, fields can be populated to the online application at <https://www.arizonafuture.org/democraseed/application>.

Applications are due by 11:59PM on Monday, July 22, 2019. Selected youth councils will be notified by Wednesday, July 31, 2019 and invited to join in the public announcement at the Arizona League of Cities and Towns annual conference in Tuscon, August 20 – 22, 2019.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Youth Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town/Tribal Nation: \_\_\_\_\_

How many members do you have?: \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you meet and for what length of time?: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERVISOR INFORMATION**

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER INFORMATION**

Please submit a roster of all youth council members including:

- Name
- School
- Grade
- Birthdate
- Address (including city, state, zip)
- Email
- Phone

**QUESTIONS**

1. Please submit either a short video (5 minutes or less) or short responses (200 words or less for each question) to the following questions:
  - a. Why would you like to join DemocraSeed?
  - b. Keeping in mind the 8 priorities of the Arizona We Want, what challenges would you like to address in your community?
  - c. Why do you think it is important for young people to be civically engaged?
  - d. What does it mean to you to be an entrepreneur?
  - e. How would you engage the community while implementing your project?
  
2. Please describe in a short response (200 words or less) a description of the support you receive from your respective city or tribal council (i.e. level of funding, staff support, council member support, etc.)

**PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PHOTO RELEASE**

If selected, youth council members agree to complete a parent acknowledgement and photo release form.