



Unidas Frequently Asked Questions



What is Unidas?

Unidas is an award-winning leadership and philanthropy program for teen girls. It is a program of the Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona (WFSA). Unidas is a semester-long program that runs twice a year, in the fall and spring. During the semester we discuss issues that affect girls and women, meet with activists, scholars, professionals, and leaders from our Tucson community, and build leadership and philanthropic skills. At the end of the program, Unidas chooses a local non-profit organization to support with a \$5000 grant.

Who can apply to Unidas?

Any young woman, ages 14-18 years old, who is interested in social justice issues facing women and girls, philanthropy, and grant-making. Unidas participants come from diverse cultural, racial, and class backgrounds. We welcome young women who have never taken part of any leadership or feminist program before to apply, as well as teens that have extensive experience in these areas.

How is the program structured?

During the semester we meet once a week after school for two hours. Towards the end of the semester, we will meet an additional day beyond our regular weekly meeting to conduct site visits to local organizations as part of our grant-making. Unidas participants are also asked to participate in a retreat at that start of the program and a decision-making meeting at the end. All Unidas participants will be invited to the Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona Annual Luncheon, which is held in the month of April.

Where are the meetings held and how do I get there?

Meetings are held at the WFSA office: 1661 N Swan Rd, Suite 150 / Tucson, AZ. 85712
Upon request, the WFSA can help with transportation by providing bus passes.

How much does it cost to participate in the program?

The program is free for all participants.

How do I apply?

You can complete an application online here: <https://www.womengiving.org/unidas/>

When are applications due?

For information on application deadlines, please check our website:

<https://www.womengiving.org/unidas/>

How long does it take to complete the application?

The application is simple and short. It takes about 20 minutes to complete.

What if I do not have a parent or a legal guardian that can be contacted?

We understand that there are circumstances where it is not to the best interest of a young woman to have a parent or legal guardian as their emergency contact. If this is the case, please feel free to contact us at unidas@womengiving.org to make special arrangements.

What if I have more questions that are not answered here?

Please feel free to contact us with any questions through email at unidas@womengiving.org or call us at 520-622-8886.