

City of Riverside Human Relations Commission

Application for Sponsorship

An application for sponsorship is required for all organizations requesting funding or in-kind services for the purpose of supporting local festivals, special events, community projects or programs, including operational support. Applications will be reviewed by the Human Relations Commission. Please review the attached procedure for sponsorship.

Organization Data

					For Office Use Only	
Organization Name Bryan Martinez			Web Site Address		Vendor No.	
					Registered Federal Tax-Exempt ID No.	
Organization's Mission Statement (include number of years organization has been established)						
Affiliated with a "parent" organization? Yes No If yes, name parent organization:						
Contact Person and Title Bryan Martinez, Alvord Unified Hillcrest High School Senior					E-mail Address: martinezbryan16@outlook.com	
Address 3636 Grant St	City Corona	State CA	Zip 92879	Code	Daytime Phone No. (951) 220-9148	Fax Number ()

Sponsorship Request

Funding If yes, specify amount requested: 1200.00
In Kind Services If yes, select type of in-kind service requested and estimate approximate value in dollars: \$
List type of recognition the Human Relations Commission will receive for the noted funding/in-kind services requested i.e. name/logo listing, banner, ad, etc.: Thank you card, Thank you during RCOE Recognition Luncheon, Social Media Facebook page
Commissioner Attendance or presentation: If yes, specify the number of commissioners requested or presentation topic:
Has the City of Riverside sponsored your organization in the past? Yes No I was recognized as one of the 2019 Top 25 Most Remarkable Teens of Riverside If yes, list department(s): Mayor's Office

Event Data

Event Title Hearing Loss Association of America	Event Date June 19-23	Time all day	Location Rochester, NY
Will the event be held in the City of Riverside? Yes No If no, specify reason: Convention located in Rochester, NY			
Is this an annual event? Yes No If yes, indicate the number of years even has taken place: 34 years			
Expected attendance: 1000 year's event: over 1000	Expected no. of Riverside residents: unknown but 3 for sure☺ Attendance at last		

Is the event open to the public? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Is there a cost for this event?
If so, how much? 2,100.00 per person including travel expense, hotel, registration, and food
Describe target audience: Individuals with hearing loss

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Supplement to Application for Sponsorship

Detail the purpose or objective of local festival, special event, community project or specific program for which the Human Relations Commission funding or in-kind services are requested:
(Information provided by Theresa Copple, Riverside County Office of Education Deaf and Hard of Hearing Itinerant Teacher and #2 Supporter of Bryan Martinez. Dad is #1)

The purpose of the funding is for Bryan Martinez and his father to attend the Hearing Loss Association of America's 2019 Convention in Rochester, NY from June 19-June 24 where Bryan will be attending workshops on Advocacy and Technology as well receive the National Recognition as the Outstanding Youth in America. The objective is for Bryan to increase his advocacy and technology skills in the area of hearing loss. His major in college will be technology/business with emphasis on how to assist those with hearing loss. He will be staying locally attending college at Riverside Community College. The objective for his father is to applaud his son on his national recognition.

Describe the overall contribution of the festival, special event, community project or program to the community in relation to the goals and objectives of the Human Relations Commission:


The mission of the Hearing Loss Association of America is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy. Bryan's attendance will broaden his understanding and equip his tool belt with advocacy skills and current technology as it relates to hearing loss.


Bryan applied for the Human Relations Commission Creative Writing Scholarship hoping to receive the 1st place award of \$750.00. He submitted his application in literally the 11th hour on May 2nd. I know because we were editing all the way up until 10:30 back and forth by email and texting. On May 8th, we were informed that the deadline had been pushed back due to low number of responses. The announcement of the winners will be on June 27th after the convention.

It is our hope that HRC will be able to support Bryan and his father as they attend the HLAA 2019 conference.

I have attached his cover letter and his creative writing piece for your review.

Thank you so much for your consideration. It truly takes a village and Riverside is the best village I have ever lived in.


Theresa Copple
RCOE DHH Itinerant Teacher



Dear City of Riverside Human Relation Commission,

My name is Bryan Martinez, I'm 18 years old, a current senior at Hillcrest High School in Alvard Unified School District. When I was 8 years old, I was in a terrible car wreck where I lost my hearing on both sides and became partially paralyzed in my right leg. I also lost my Mother that day. It was a long road to recovery. I have worked my way out, from RSP, into the general education setting and now, I am in AP coursework. This has been an exciting year for me as I have won the National Council for Exceptional Children's Yes I Can! Award in the area of Technology and got to travel to Indianapolis to receive my award. I was recently named one of Riverside's 25 Most Remarkable Teens, and in June I will be honored in Rochester, NY as the Hearing Loss Association of America's Outstanding Youth! Which brings me to why I am applying for this award. I can't go without your help. You are an organization that encourages education and that's what I am trying to pursue.

If I were to win one of these two amazing and thoughtful prizes, it will help me a lot this summer. I was nominated and selected to be the HLAA outstanding young adult (Hearing Loss Association of America). This is really an honor to be selected will be a great learning opportunity for me, since I will be able to take advantage of the amazing workshops that they will have at this convention. HLAA has given me a free registration ticket! They will have programs that explain to me, and show me, many amazing tools that are available to help and, and other people like me, with a hearing loss. As an example, when I am at school or in an airport and the announcer is talking over a speaker, it is hard to hear them clearly when wearing hearing aids. At this workshop they have a presentation that will show and explain how I can fix this problem through the use of additional technology. However it doesn't stop there, since the convention is featuring 10 workshops with programs and presentations specializing in technology. This will be a huge benefit for me because when I'm in college my goal is to major in the area of technology. There's this one workshop that will help me know what to do when I can't understand or hear everything. They will teach me and show me all about captioning. This captioning app can help me when I'm on the phone and can't understand, or when I can't fully hear everything.

Winning this prize will help cover the costs of getting to NY. My Dad can't really afford to pay for my hotel or flight. I really am hoping to find enough funding for the both of us to attend. I really want my Dad there.

I have been really trying hard to fund the trip to receive my award. The estimate cost of the trip will be about \$2000, of which I have earned \$500 from the Rocky and Ahme Stone scholarship. Riverside County Office of Education has hired me to present at their banquet and I will be earning \$300 from that. I also started a GoFundMe to see if I can raise money that way.

<https://www.gofundme.com/gqapv9-award-ceremony>. I am still about \$1200.00 short of my goal. I'm still hopeful that I will be able to cover all my costs.

It really brought my family and myself so much joy when I was nominated and selected to get an award. It really brought us closer together. This also makes me very happy because I know that if my mother was still here, she would be very proud of me, knowing that I have accomplished many amazing things that other people said I would never be able to complete.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bryan Martinez

Creative Writing Piece - What Would I Tell My 8 Year Old Self If I Could Send a Letter Back in Time?

Dear Younger Me,

The year 2019 has almost come to its half way mark and it's crazy to think that it has been ten years since the tragedy in our life has happened. Young Bryan, everything will be okay. All of the problems that you are seeing and wondering if there is even an answer, know that there is an answer. Young Bryan, do this: really appreciate your mother and all the things that she does for you. It will be really hard letting go of your greatest friend. I know you really appreciate her and everything that she does for you but I still think that you can do more. Here is what you will look like in the future and Dad! He's gotten old, huh?



The lady in the picture is Mrs. Theresa. She's going to help you. She will be there to push you when you lose hope or think that there is no answer. She also will be there when you need someone to talk to, or to help you when you don't understand something. We grow such a close bond together that she becomes one of your great and reliable friends. Show Mom the back of the picture please.

Back of the picture says the following: Dear Mom as crazy as this sounds, it's me, Bryan your son from the future. I wanted to write this letter which shows you just some of the amazing things that I accomplished while you were gone. First I managed to get into honors classes just like you wanted me to. I am also very loved at school by many people and I'm not alone thanks to you. I just recently got awarded the Top 25 Most Remarkable Teens of Riverside. In February 2019 I was also awarded The Yes I Can!

Award in the area of Technology! Only two people in the whole nation can win. These are some of the amazing things that I wanted to share with you Mom. Love your son Bryan Martinez PS: I love you. Dear Younger Bryan, Please show Mom. This would really warm my heart knowing that even though my Mom wasn't there to see all of these activities in the present time, I will be happy to know that she got to witness me via the pictures. Younger Bryan, do not be scared to try new things. Also, when you fail don't look at it as a bad thing look at it as a lesson that you can learn from. Take care man. Get ready for the crazy and amazing things that will happen to you in the future.

Love from your future self,

Bryan Martinez.