



Services to Youth 2020-2022 STEAM Program Information and Application

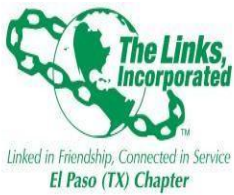
About The Links, Incorporated

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in the US in 1946. The membership consists of 16,000 professional women of color in 292 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and the United Kingdom. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated is a community service organization that was founded in 1977. Our organization membership is based on "friendship" principles and ideal standards while working to do our share towards serving the community of El Paso, Texas. Since its inception, the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated has impacted the El Paso community under the guidance of 15 exemplary past presidents. The chapter's current president, and outstanding community leader, is Beatrice Middleton who can be contacted at 915-588-4110.

The Links, Incorporated has five facets of community service which include Service to Youth, Arts, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services. These programs are implemented through strategies such as public information and education, economic development, and public policy campaigns.

Please see more information about The Links, Incorporated at www.linksinc.org



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PURPOSE

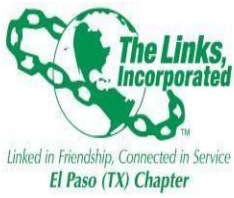
El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated believes that children of underserved communities matter, and is passionate about actively responding to educational, social and economic oversights in a fun, positive and effective manner. The purpose of this program is to create interest and encourage students, especially those in groups underrepresented amongst STEAM fields, to take science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics courses throughout their curriculum in preparation for post-secondary education in STEAM areas of study. Endorsing larger, more diverse populations of students with experiences in rigorous instruction in STEAM throughout their education will likely result in increased participation in STEAM related career majors. Early engagement of participants in integrated 2nd - 9th grade STEAM based activities which are correlated with their current education would substantially increase the number of youth who eventually recognize the value and reward in studying STEAM. We hope involved students would grow to believe that STEAM related careers are viable and attainable options, and use their experiences to maximize their potential within a competitive 21st century global marketplace.

We also intend to incorporate activities which support mental health awareness within the El Paso community as well as integrate program elements from the other 4 facets within the Links (Arts, Health and Human Services, National Trends and International Trends).

GOALS

The goals of the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated STEAM program are:

- A. Establish parent and community partnerships to increase awareness about STEAM education and career opportunities.
- B. Establish partnerships with local, scientific, and higher education communities to provide relevant workplace experiences and mentors for students and parents.
- C. Review, develop, and align programs to ensure STEAM experiences for all students that will provide awareness, exploration, and preparation as appropriate throughout the 2nd -9th grade continuum.
- D. Review, develop, and align experiences for students outside the classroom to ensure awareness and exploration of STEAM experiences.
- E. To help students gain the skills they need to succeed in a world shaped by scientific advances and new technologies.
- F. Increase student commitment to scholastic excellence, for future careers, advanced education, and research in STEAM-related fields.

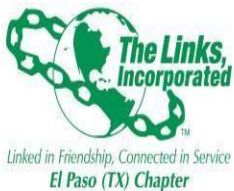


EL PASO (TX) CHAPTER, THE LINKS, INCORPORATED STEAM APPLICATION

1. Student Name: _____
2. Gender: ___ Male ___ Female
3. School: _____
4. Date of Birth: _____
5. Grade: _____
6. Complete Home Address (include apartment number and zip code):

7. Home Phone Number: (___) _____
8. Parent Cell Phone Number: (___) _____
9. Parent Email Address: _____
10. Recipient of Free and/or Reduced Lunch? (Please check one) ___ YES ___ NO
11. **Please attach a copy of the student's report card for tracking and trending information.**
12. Race/Ethnicity (Please Select One):
___ Caucasian
___ African American
___ Hispanic
___ Asian
___ Other:

13. Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____
14. Parent/Guardian Address (Print): _____



15. Parent Income Range (Mark Amount Applicable):

Less than \$25,000 _____ \$25,000 - \$49,999 _____ \$50,000 to \$74,999 _____
\$75,000 to \$99,999 _____ \$100,000 or more _____

16. Current enrollment in any STEAM classes? _____ YES _____ NO (If YES, please list below)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS APPLICATION

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Mrs. Robbie Kennebrew, Service to Youth and STEAM Chair

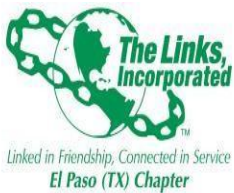
PLEASE MAIL or EMAIL APPLICATION TO:

**El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated
PO BOX 370755
El Paso, 79937**

epclsty@gmail.com

Parent/Guardian Permission Form

I certify that _____ (child's name) has parental approval to attend the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (Services to Youth STEAM Program) sponsored by the El Paso (TX)



Chapter, The Links, Incorporated. I understand and approve any photographs and/or videotaping that will be taken at intervals during _____ (child’s name) attendance during the STEAM sessions and it is permitted for such photographs and/or videotaping to be featured on social media and print media.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Home Ph. # _____ Cell Ph. # _____ Email address _____

Food allergies: _____

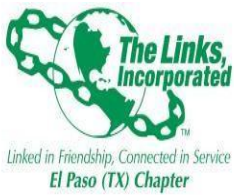
Emergency Contact Person _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Contact’s Phone Number _____

COVID-19 Safety Acknowledgment -- Liability Waiver and Release of Claims

COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION:

While participating in events held or sponsored by the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, “social distancing” must be practiced and face coverings worn at all times to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19.



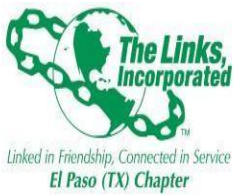
Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19.

In light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated events and/or other face to face fundraising activities. By attending an the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated event, you certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories:

1. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath among [others](#);
2. Individuals who have traveled at any point in the past fourteen (14) days either internationally or to a community in the U.S. that has experienced or is experiencing sustained community spread of COVID-19; or
3. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment.

DUTY TO SELF-MONITOR:

Participants and volunteers agree to contact the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated via email at bambow13@aol.com if you exhibit signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath) during the program or up to and including 14 days after participating or volunteering with the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated.



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LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS:

I acknowledge that I derive personal satisfaction and a benefit by virtue of my participation and/or voluntarism with the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, and I willingly engage in the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated events and/or other fundraising activities (the “Activity”).

RELEASE AND WAIVER.

I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE AGAINST THE El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated AND ITS AFFILIATED PARTNERS AND SPONSORS, INCLUDING IN EACH CASE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND AGENTS (THE “RELEASED PARTIES”), EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES OR LOSSES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR CONDUCT OF ANY KIND ON THE PART OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEATH, BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, ECONOMIC LOSS OR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, WHICH I, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNEES, NEXT OF KIN AND/OR LEGALLY APPOINTED OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREINAFTER ACCRUE ON MY BEHALF, WHICH ARISE OR MAY HEREAFTER ARISE FROM MY PARTICIPATION WITH THE ACTIVITY.

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK. I acknowledge and understand the following:

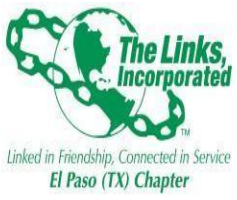
1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;

2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties; and

3. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with the Activity, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the Released Parties.

MEDICAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE. I acknowledge the health risks associated with the Activity, including but not limited to transient dizziness, lightheaded, fainting, nausea, muscle cramping, musculoskeletal injury, joint pains, sprains and strains, heart attack, stroke, or sudden death. I agree that if I experience any of these or any other symptoms during the Activity, I will discontinue my participation immediately and seek appropriate medical attention. I DO HEREBY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY CLAIM WHATSOEVER WHICH ARISES OR MAY HEREAFTER ARISE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY FIRST AID, TREATMENT, OR SERVICE RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY.

As a participant, volunteer, or attendee, You recognize that your participation, involvement and/or attendance at any of the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated event or activity ("Activity") is voluntary and may result in personal injury (including death) and/or property damage. By attending, observing or participating in the Activity, You acknowledge and assume all risks and dangers associated with your participation and/or attendance at the Activity, and You agree that: (a) the El Paso (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated (b) the property or site owner of the Activity, and (c) all past, present and future affiliates, successors, assigns, employees, volunteers, vendors, partners, directors, and officers, of such entities (subsections (a) through (c), collectively, the "Released Parties"), will not be responsible for any personal injury (including death), property damage, or other loss suffered as a result of your participation in, attendance at, and/or observation of the Activity, regardless if any such injuries or losses are caused by the negligence of any of the Released Parties (collectively, the "Released Claims"). BY ATTENDING AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY, YOU ARE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN A FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO THE RELEASED PARTIES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.



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Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date