



The Young Athena Emerging Leader Certificate Program for Young Women in Church Youth Leadership Sponsored by the AthenaAZ Foundation

We are passionate about preparing young women for an incredible future.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV): For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Program Description: The Young Athena Emerging Leader Certificate Program is designed for young women, 14-18 years of age, who are participating in church youth programs in Arizona. This program empowers the Young Athenas to actively participate in projects, volunteer activities, and other church related initiatives based on the Athena Valley of the Sun Core Values, which are enlightened by eight ATHENA Leadership Model (ALM) principles. The program is six weeks long and uses the Athena Valley of the Sun proprietary tri-model of learning, which utilizes 1) individual, 2) peer-mentor interaction, and 3) group learning throughout the program. The Young Athena Emerging Leader Certificate Program graduates will receive a certificate of completion, a professional letter for their college/professional portfolio, and an invitation to join the Young Athena online community.

- **Week 1:** Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Program launch, meet and greet, introduction to the core values and leadership principles, and project planning for the next five weeks (refreshments/lunch included).
- **Weeks 2-5:** Young Athenas will work with their assigned mentors and advisors to complete their projects, ask questions, and apply the Athen Valley of the Sun Core Values and the ATHENA Leadership Model (ALM) principles to their project work. These sessions are held weekly via pre-scheduled Zoom meetings. There are also additional reading and journaling exercises that will be completed in the program.
- **Week 6:** Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Young Athena participants celebrate together as they present their projects to their fellow Young Athenas and Athena Valley of the Sun leaders, mentors and advisors. Parents and church personnel are invited to attend.

All costs associated with this event are sponsored by AthenaAZ Foundation and Athena Valley of the Sun Community members and volunteers.

Come Learn to Lead with Us!

Click the link below or scan the QR Code to complete the interest form.

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Athena Valley of the Sun
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Core Values and Leadership Principles

Values

Illuminate

We all have an opportunity to illuminate our worlds through our unique ability to live authentically as we learn constantly.

Grow

We grow ourselves through developing meaningful connections, valuing the gifts others bring to the world, and bonding with others in a profound way.

Champion

We generate an influential force for good in the world through our compassionate commitment, determination, and respect for others as we courageously advocate in the world around us.

Honor

We strengthen the bonds between all of us through our ability to give back and celebrate our individual and collective triumphs as we advance the greater good.

Principles

Live Authentically

Learn Constantly

Build Relationships

Foster Collaboration

Act Courageously

Advocate Fiercely

Give Back

Celebrate