



**The National Coalition of 100
Black Women, Inc.
Phoenix Metropolitan Chapter
Presents the
2025 NCBW100 Phoenix
Youth Entrepreneur Series (YES)
Biz Grant Application**

What is the YES Biz Grant?

As a part of the Youth Entrepreneur Series (YES) offered by NCBW100 Phoenix, with the financial support and strategic partnership of our sponsors and community partners, NCBW100 Phoenix has developed the Youth Entrepreneur Series (YES) Biz Grant.

The YES Biz Grant is awarded to Black, female aspiring or existing entrepreneurs between the ages of 6-17 who reside in the state of Arizona. The YES Biz Grant was established in 2023, to drive positive systemic change that results in gender equity in business and economic empowerment. The grant creates a foundation for building generational wealth for Black girls, and it promotes and supports youth entrepreneurship in the Black community. The Youth Entrepreneur Series and the YES Biz Grant demonstrate our commitment to advocate for and invest in, young Black female entrepreneurs.

The YES Biz Grant offers five (5) grant awards in the amount of \$1,000/each to support the winners in launching a new business venture or reinvesting in their existing business. The Grant is intended to support the venturers in their quest to turn concepts into cash, reward innovation, business planning, execution, and the applicant's ability to effectively communicate their ideas.

Program Guidelines and Priorities:

- Applicants must be Black (African American) girls between 6 and 17 years of age, with a business plan and/or existing business. Free training is provided to help applicants with developing their business plans.
- Applicants must reside in the State of Arizona.
- Photo ID/Student ID or report cards will be used to verify race, gender, and age.
- Only one (1) grant will be awarded per applicant and per household.
- Business plan and application must be submitted by **11:59 pm MST on February 12, 2025**. Late applications will not be reviewed and will not be considered.
- In addition to submitting a completed YES Biz Grant application, each applicant must attend the following two VIRTUAL training sessions to be eligible to participate in the March 1, 2025, pitch contest:
 1. Fashion Your Business Plan - Saturday, January 25, 2025 (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM MST)
 2. Fashion Your Pitch - Saturday, February 8, 2025 (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM MST)

If applicants do not attend both sessions, the final score on the grant application will be reduced and grant eligibility may be forfeited.

- Grants will be awarded to the applicants who prepare and submit a thorough business plan, including (but not limited to) Sales, Marketing, and Financials. The submission must clearly articulate how the grant money will be used.
- Select interviews may be conducted within February 2025 where applicants will be able to pitch/present their business plan to the judges for a final decision.
- After all submissions are received, representatives from NCBW 100 Phoenix will review each application and determine which applicants will move on to the next phase to pitch their business needs or business ideas to a panel of judges. **Final candidates selected to move on to the pitch contest will be notified by February 15, 2025.**
- The top five (5) winners will be selected and notified on the spot at Pitch Perfect, on Saturday, March 1, 2025. The decision of the judges will be final.
- Grant funds will be disbursed in March 2025.
- **Awardees will be recognized at our Madam C.J. Walker Economic Empowerment Expo on June 7, 2025. Awardees will also be granted a booth at the Expo to showcase their products or services.**

Application Submission Instructions:

Please email one copy of a completed and typed YES Biz Grant application, your business plan, and a photo ID/student ID or report card, by **11:59 pm MST on Wednesday, February 12, 2025**, to:

ATTN: National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Phoenix Metropolitan Chapter Economic Empowerment Committee to mcjwphoenix@gmail.com.

Questions or Additional Information:

Please submit any questions to **ATTN:** National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Phoenix Metropolitan Chapter Economic Empowerment Committee at mcjwphoenix@gmail.com.

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Please type your answers. <i>(Use an additional piece of paper if necessary)</i>			
1.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none; width: 50%;">Last Name:</td> <td style="border: none; width: 50%;">First Name, Middle Initial:</td> </tr> </table>	Last Name:	First Name, Middle Initial:
Last Name:	First Name, Middle Initial:		
2.	Mailing Address: Street: City: State: Zip:		
3.	Daytime telephone number: () Email address:		
4.	Date of birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Ethnic Background <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Island <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Racial		
5.	Do you have an existing business? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, is your business registered? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If your business is registered, please provide the EIN/Tax ID Number: Please provide the official name of your business if applicable.		

6.	Please describe your business including what product(s) or service you offer or plan to offer in the future.
7.	How long have you operated your business? If your business is not currently in operation, when do you plan to begin operations?
8.	Tell us something unique about yourself and why we should choose you as one of the grant recipients. Please feel free to discuss any extraordinary talents, skillsets, community involvement, and leadership experiences that you would like to share.
9.	If awarded the grant, how will you use the grant money for your business? What is the desired impact on your customer?
10.	<p>If you are under the age of 18 by February 12, 2025, please provide the following information for your parent(s) or legal guardian(s):</p> <p><i>(Include the address if different than your own listed in Question 2)</i></p> <p>Name(s): Street: City: State: Zip: Home phone of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Work phone of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Email Address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):</p>
<p>In a separate document, please attach a copy of your business plan.</p>	

Participation Agreement:

At the time of submission, is the applicant available to participate in the **REQUIRED** virtual trainings on January 25, 2025, and February 8, 2025?

- Yes
- No

At the time of submission, is the applicant available to participate in Pitch Perfect on March 1, 2025, if they are selected to move on to the **REQUIRED** Pitch Contest? Pitch Perfect will be held in person.

- Yes
- No

Attestation:

I attest that this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

(Printed Name of Applicant)

(Date)

(Signature of Applicant)

A signature of Parent/Guardian is also required for applicants under the age of 18.

- I attest that this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I attest that this application is the original work of the applicant and was completed with minimal support from outside sources.
- I provide permission for _____, to submit
(Name of Applicant)

this application for the YES Biz grant and to participate in any associated and required training for this effort.

(Printed Name of Parent or Guardian)

(Date)

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

✓ **Please remember to include the following checklist items.**

Checklist:

- Completed and Signed Application
- Business Plan
- Photo ID/Student ID or report card
- Register for January 25, "Fashion Your Business Plan"
- Register for February 8, "Fashion Your Pitch"

Eligible applicants who pass Phase One, will be required to pitch at "Pitch Perfect" on **March 1, 2025**.

Email completed application package to the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Phoenix Metropolitan Chapter at:
mcjwphoenix@gmail.com

REMINDER:

**Applications must be received by NCBW100 Phoenix at the email address specified above
By 11:59 pm MST on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.
No exceptions!**