



To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Amanda Larriva and I have been the Varsity Boys' Volleyball coach at Tucson High School since 2013. After my first season coaching our program grew from just 2 levels (JV & Varsity) with losing records, to 3 levels (freshmen, JV & Varsity) all of whom have had a winning records for the last 4 seasons. For the first 2 years our athletic department paid our freshmen coach's stipend, but due to lack of funds our vice principal has determined that they can no longer afford to pay our freshmen coach. This leaves our program with two choices: cut the freshman program or fundraise at least \$3500 in tax credit to pay the stipend.

Our lower levels are an integral part to the success of Tucson High boys' volleyball and one of the main reasons our Varsity team has a winning record. Because of this, cutting our freshmen team is not an option.

The Tucson High boys' volleyball program is not just about winning. We are also about teaching our players the importance of integrity, responsibility, discipline, and teamwork. We know that our athletes are students first and volleyball players second, so in order to remain eligible to play, we require all of our athletes to maintain at least C's in their classes. (*TUSD policy requires that athletes maintain D's to stay eligible.*) For the past three seasons this policy has helped all of our seniors go on to four-year colleges after high school.

It is my hope that you also value what the coaches, parents, and athletes are accomplishing in the THS boys' volleyball program & are willing to donate your tax credit money to us. First and foremost we need your tax credit donations to help pay our freshmen volleyball coach, but that is not the only thing we use donations for. In the past we have used it to buy new uniforms, new equipment (balls, nets, and carts), and to pay for Varsity tournaments (entry fees, food, travel expenses, & hotels). We hope to continue to use our tax credit money to fund these things as well as pay for our 2018 freshmen stipend.

If you know you owe Arizona State taxes, then we will gladly put your \$200 or \$400 donation to good use. The easiest way to donate your tax credit money to the boys' volleyball program is to go online to thsvolleyball.com/tax-credit-donations.html and click the "Donate Online!" button. If you prefer to mail a check to Tucson High School you can find information on how to do that as well. Your donation will help make the upcoming spring 2019 season a success and help us continue to have a positive influence on the lives of all our Tucson High athletes.

If you would like to learn more about THS boys' volleyball please visit THSvolleyball.com. Thank you for your time and your donation!

Gratefully,

Amanda Larriva

Amanda Larriva