



2024
**CHIEF
AZUL
ANTONIO
AWARDS**

**CITIZENSHIP
APPLICATION DEADLINE
April 8, 2024**



Questions?

P: 520-562-3662 or

Email: TEDEvents@gric.nsn.us

2024 CHIEF AZUL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Chief Antonio Azul “Mavith Kavdom” (Lion Shield), born 1817, is recognized as the last Head Chief of the Akimel O’otham. In a letter to the Arizona Territorial Governor in 1866, Chief Azul wrote, “The Pimas and Maricopas want nothing from the government except schools”. His statement shows how the O’otham and Pee Posh people of Gila River understood the importance of education for future generations. Chief Antonio Azul passed away on October 1, 1909.

The Chief Azul Citizenship Award recognizes outstanding students who consistently demonstrate a positive attitude and friendly demeanor and by their actions serve as role models to others. Fifteen (15) High School Seniors will receive this award, contingent upon a review of their Citizenship Award nomination and supporting documents.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD

- Enrolled Member of the Gila River Indian Community
 - Certificate of Indian Blood Required
- High School Senior (12th Grade) for School Year 2023-2024
- Meets or exceeds the Selection Criteria

**For more information or questions please call 520-562-3662 or email
TEDEvents@gric.nsn.us**

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

A school staff member or administrator, K-12 Advisor or Parent must complete the nomination form and submit on behalf of the student. All nominations must be submitted on the Citizenship Award Nomination Form. The Nomination form must be completed fully and must be signed off by a school official.

All supporting application documents indicated on the checklist must be included with the Nomination Form.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Excellent attendance record for School Year 2023-2024 (Minimum 85%).
- Consistent performance at best level and demonstrates high academic engagement.
- Demonstrates exemplary behavior and conduct; and continuously demonstrates a positive, friendly, and cooperative relationship with students, faculty, staff, and the community at large.
- Demonstrates desire and ability to overcome barriers and achieve their goals.
- Individual determination to succeed; self-motivated and consistently improves in academic and social endeavors.
- Demonstrates knowledge of and/or interest in the GRIC culture.
- Documented record of participation in extracurricular activities, volunteer/community service.
- No behavior referrals.

JUDGING PROCESS

- Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of selected GRIC Community Members and / or Employees.
- The panel will rank the Nominees according to how well they meet or exceed the criteria.
- 15 High School Seniors will be selected for the award and trip to Washington, D.C.



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SUPPORTING APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Attendance Record for School Year 2023-2024**
- 2 Letters of Recommendation from School Staff (Teacher, Advisor, Counselor, etc.)**
Letters must be on school letterhead and address the following criteria for the Student Nominee:
 - Demonstrates inspirational behavior and conduct; and continuously demonstrates a positive, friendly, and cooperative relationship with students, faculty, staff, and the community at large.
 - Demonstrates desire and ability to overcome barriers and achieve their goals.
 - Individual determination to succeed; self-motivated and consistently improves in academic and social endeavors.
- Student Personal Statement (750 word maximum, typed, double-spaced, 12 point font)**
Personal Statement must include the following:
 - How will you impact the future of Gila River Indian Community?
 - A portion of the statement must include your knowledge of, or interest in, the GRIC culture & history and how it relates to your achievement of personal goals.
- Documentation of extracurricular activities, community service, awards or certificates.**
- Copy of Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB).**

SUBMIT NOMINATION APPLICATION TO:

By mail to: Tribal Education Department
ATTN: 2024 Chief Azul Citizenship Application
P.O. Box 97 Sacaton, AZ 85147
By email: TEDEvents@gric.nsn.us

To verify if your application and supporting documents were received, please call 520-562-3662.



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2024 CHIEF AZUL CITIZENSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Please fill out completely and accurately. Attach nomination form with supporting application documents. Applications received after deadline date of **April 8, 2023** will not be considered.

Name of Nominee: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Date: _____

Nominated by(Name and Title): _____

Nominee/Parent Email: _____

Nominee/Parent Contact Number: _____

School's Official Use Only:

Date Received: _____ School Official Signature: _____

Student's GPA: _____ Attendance: _____ (Minimum 85%).

Positive Behavior: Yes / No

Referrals: Yes / No

Student Accomplishments (Principals list, Student Council, Honor Roll, Dean's List etc.): _____

Type of extracurricular activities includes school and community activities: _____

All nominations must be completed in full and prior to deadline date above. Any portion left void of information may limit the student's chances of selection.