



2024
**CHIEF
AZUL
ANTONIO
AWARDS**

**SCHOLAR
APPLICATION DEADLINE
April 8, 2024**



Questions?

P: 520-562-3662 or

Email: TEDEvents@gric.nsn.us



Gila River Indian Community
Tribal Education Department

2024 CHIEF AZUL SCHOLAR 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 Tribal Education Department announces the 2024 Chief Azul Scholar Award which recognizes educational achievements, academic excellence and leadership. This award recognizes individual student scholars and provides motivation for Gila River Students to aspire to reach higher academic goals.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD

- Enrolled Members and Direct Descendants of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC)
 - Direct Descendant: Mother or Father Enrolled with GRIC - Certificate of Indian Blood Required
- Enrolled Student in 4th-12th grade or
- Full-time Undergraduate College Student
- Meets or exceeds the Selection Criteria

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NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Students in grades 4th to 12th:

All nominations must be submitted on the Chief Azul Scholar Nomination Form. The Nomination form must be completed fully and must be signed off by a school official. A school staff member or administrator, K-12 Advisor or Parent must complete the nomination form and submit on behalf of the student. All supporting application documents indicated on the checklist must be included with the Nomination Form.

Undergraduate Students:

All nominations must be submitted on the Chief Azul Scholar Nomination Form. The Nomination form must be completed fully and must be signed off by a school official. A Professor, Student Advisor, or Parent must complete the nomination form and submit on behalf of the student. All supporting application documents indicated on checklist must included with the Nomination Form.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Excellent attendance record (Minimum 85%) with no behavior referrals.
- Consistent performance and demonstrates high academic engagement with a strong academic record.
- Demonstrates desire and ability to overcome barriers and achieve their goals.
- Individual determination to succeed; self-motivated in completing challenging coursework.
- Demonstrates knowledge of and/or interest in the GRIC culture.
- Documented record of participation in extracurricular activities, volunteer/ community service.



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SUPPORTING APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

4th-8th Grade:

- Official Transcript or Grade Report for SY 2023-2024
- Attendance Record with no behavior referrals
- Documentation of extracurricular activities, community service, awards or certificates
- Letter of Recommendation

9th-12th Grade:

- Official Transcript for SY 2023-2024
- Attendance Record with no behavior referrals
- Documentation of extracurricular activities, community service, awards or certificates.
- 2 Letters of Recommendation.
- Personal Essay: "How does school help shape your future and what drives you to succeed?" typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, 750 word maximum.

Undergraduate:

- Official Transcript for SY 2023-2024
- Enrollment Verification (Must be current full-time student).
- Current Resume or Vitae that outlines student interests, volunteerism, community service, and achievements.
- One letter of recommendation from a current or former Professor/Instructor.
- Personal Essay: "*How does school help shape your future and what drives you to succeed?*" typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, 1,000 word maximum.

JUDGING PROCESS

- Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of selected GRIC Community Members or Employees.
- The panel will rank the Nominations according to how well they meet or exceed the criteria and select the 3 highest scoring students per grade level.
- There will be one Chief Azul Scholar and two Honorable Mentions per grade level.

SUBMIT NOMINATION APPLICATION TO:

By mail: Tribal Education Department
ATTN: 2024 Chief Azul Scholar 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 SCHOLAR NOMINATION FORM

Please fill out completely and accurately. Attach nomination form with supporting application documents. Applications received after deadline date of **April 8, 2024** 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