



Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Census 2020 Essay Contest

The Census 2020 will affect resources and representation in tribal communities across the United States for the next ten years. The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) is 100% committed to ensuring a full and accurate count for tribal communities in Arizona. This year we are asking American Indian/Alaska Native students who attend a high school, college, or university in Arizona to initial and commit to the official ITCA Census 2020 Pledge Card and answer the following question in 500 words or less:

Why is participating in the Census 2020 important to you?

Prizes:

- Three college/university students will be awarded \$500
- Three high school students will be awarded \$250
- All awardees will be invited to share their essays at a special Awards Luncheon with the Tribal Complete Count Committee at the Offices of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona on April 3, 2020.

Applicant Criteria:

- American Indian/Alaska Native students residing in and attending a high school/college/university in **Arizona**.
- Enrolled member of a federally-recognized Tribal Nation in the United States.

Grades 9-12 Students:

- Must demonstrate enrollment through an official class schedule.

College/University Undergraduate Students:

- Must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student with a minimum of 12 credit hours for current semester demonstrated by enrollment verification.

Graduate Students:

- Must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student with a minimum of 6 credit hours, or as defined by their graduate program, for the current semester demonstrated by enrollment verification.

Application Procedure:

1. Complete the STUDENT APPLICATION FORM and ITCA Census 2020 Pledge Card.
2. Submit copy of tribal enrollment card/CIB from a federally recognized Tribal Nation.
3. Submit a typed double-spaced essay (500 words or less) on the following question:
“Why is participating in the Census 2020 important to you?”
4. High School students: Submit a copy of class schedule.
5. College/University students: Submit a copy of enrollment verification.

Deadline:

- Applications must be completed and received by the deadline **Friday, March 13, 2020**, by mail or email.
- Awardees will be invited to a Tribal Complete Count Committee on **April 3, 2020**, at the Offices of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
- The Essay Review Committee will notify the awardees no later than **March 27, 2020**.

Applications must be sent by the submission deadline **March 13, 2020 either:**

Mail to:
ITCA Census 2020 Essay Contest
2214 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Email to:
Millicent.Pepion@itcaonline.com

e-mail applications are preferred

For questions about the essay, please contact:
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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Application Checklist: (Incomplete applications will not be considered)

- Complete Student Application Form
- Initial and commit to the official "ITCA Census 2020 Pledge Card"
- 500-word Typed Double-spaced Essay (.pdf or .doc file preferred)
- Proof of Enrollment in a Federally-recognized Tribal Nation (Enrollment Card or CIB)
- High School Students: Copy of Official Class Schedule
- College/University Students: Copy of Enrollment Verification

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Tribe/Band/Nation: _____ Tribal Enrollment Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: (____) _____ Cell Phone Number: (____) _____

II. EDUCATIONAL STATUS AND HISTORY

Current School Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

High School grade level (circle one):

9th 10th 11th 12th

College Undergraduate student status (circle one):

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Graduate student program (circle one):

Masters Ph.D.

III: APPLICANTS MUST INITIAL AND COMMIT TO EACH PLEDGE.

ITCA Census 2020 Pledge Card	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I pledge to encourage my family and friends to participate in the Census 2020.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I pledge to encourage my family and/or household to identify Person 1 as American Indian/Alaska Native, even if that person is me.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I pledge to encourage each person who identifies as American Indian/Alaska Native to identify the name(s) of all the tribes with which they associate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I pledge to encourage my family and/or household to count everyone in the household, including children under the age of five.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(College/University Students ONLY) I pledge to participate in the Census 2020 even if I live away from home and am over the age of 18.

IV: AUTHORIZATION & SIGNATURES

I hereby certify that the information provided in this Student Application Form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I also authorize ITCA to release my name and photo with any public announcement of Essays. By submitting the Student Application Form, I am giving ITCA permission to verify information on this form.

Print Name Student's Signature Date

Parent/Guardian signature if the student is under the age of 18 Date

All submitted materials become the property of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. Essay Contest Committee and they will not be returned.