GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



2021 CHIEF AZUL CITIZENSHIP AWARD



APPLICATION DEADLINE
APRIL 23, 2021

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Chief Antonio Azul “Mavith Kavdom” (Lion Shield) was born 1817. Azul was the last Head-Chief of the Akimel O’odtham. He always wanted what was best for his people. During battles he would unite with the Pee-Posh (Maricopa) and often led his army to victory. Under his leadership he was able to keep the tribe in its own traditional territory, rather than being relocated to Oklahoma. He died on October 1, 1909.

The award recognizes outstanding students who consistently demonstrate positive attitude, friendly demeanor, and who are a role model to others.

15 High School Seniors will be selected for this award contingent upon the review of the 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 2020-2021
- Meets all or exceeds the Selection Criteria

For more information or questions please call (520) 562-3662 or e-mail TEDevents@gric.nsn.us

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NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

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.

A member from the school, K-12 Advisor Program 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Excellent attendance record for School Year 2020-2021 (95%-100%).
- Consistent performance at best level and demonstrates high academic engagement.
- 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.
- Demonstrates knowledge of and/or interest in the GRIC culture.
- Strong record and participation in extracurricular activities, volunteer/community service.
- No behavior referrals.

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.
- 15 High School Seniors will be selected for the award.

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SUPPORTING APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

☐ **Attendance Record for School Year 2020-2021**

☐ **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:
-Personal goal statement with the explanation of goals.
-A portion of the statement must include a demonstration of the knowledge of/or interest in the GRIC culture and how it relates to their achievement of personal set 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: 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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2021 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 23, 2021 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:_____(90%-100%)

Positive Behavior: Yes/No Referrals: Yes/No

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

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Types of Extracurricular Activities includes school and Community Activities:

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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.