

Gila River Indian Community
Tribal Education Department

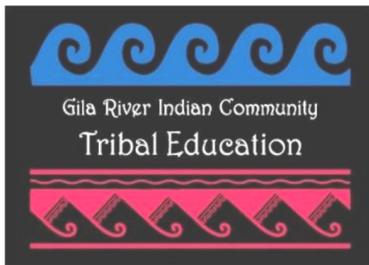
2021 CHIEF AZUL SCHOLAR AWARD

ACHIEVEMENT

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

LEADERSHIP

Application Deadline:
April 23, 2021



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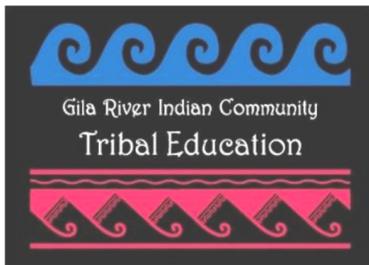
Chief Antonio Azul “Mavith Kavdom” (Lion Shield) was born 1817. Azul was the last Head-Chief of the Akimel O’odtham. He always wanted what was best for his people. During battles he would unite with the Pee-Posh (Maricopa) and often led his army to victory. Under his leadership he was able to keep the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

The Tribal Education Department is happy to announce the 2021 Chief Azul Scholar Award which recognizes educational achievements, academic excellence and leadership. This award seeks to recognize individual student scholars and provide motivation toward excellence for Gila River Students that aspire to reach high 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 all or exceeds the Selection Criteria

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



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NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Students in grades 4th to 12th:

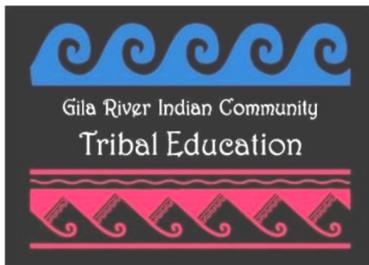
All nominations must be submitted on the Chief Azul Scholar Nomination Form. The Nomination form must be completed fully and must be signed off by a school official. A member from the school, K-12 Advisor Program or Parent must complete the nomination form and submit on behalf of the student. All supporting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

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 with no behavior referrals.
- Consistent performance at best level and demonstrates high academic engagement with a strong academic record.
- 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 in completing challenging coursework.
- Demonstrates knowledge of and/or interest in the GRIC culture.
- Strong record and participation in extracurricular activities, volunteer/ community service.



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SUPPORTING APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

4th-8th Grade:

- Official Transcript or Grade Report for SY 2020-2021
- 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 2020-2021
- Attendance Record with no behavior referrals
- Documentation of extracurricular activities, community service, awards or certificates.
- 2 Letters of Recommendation.
- Personal Essay: "What impact has education had on your life?" typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, 750 word maximum.

Undergraduate:

- Official Transcript for SY 2020-2021
- 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: "*What impact has education had on your life?*" typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, 750 word maximum.

JUDGING PROCESS

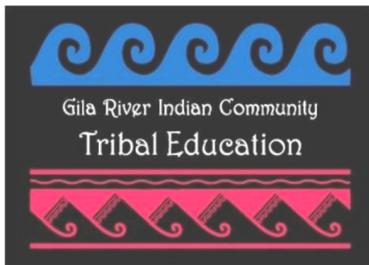
- Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of selected GRIC Community Members or Employees.
- The panel will rank the Nominations according to how well they meet or exceed the criteria and select the top 3 students per grade level.
- There will be one Chief Azul Scholar and two Honorable Mentions per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

SUBMIT NOMINATION APPLICATION TO:

By mail: Tribal Education Department
ATTN: 2021 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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2021 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 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.): _____

Types 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.