

**Official Rules of the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority
Sponsorship Program
2019 Washington, D.C. Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative
Association/National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth
Tour**

Subject to available funding and the following rules (“Rules”), the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (“GRICUA”) will select and sponsor two students to participate in the Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association/National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour (“Youth Tour”), which will be held in June 2019 in Washington, D.C.:

1. The name of this program is the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Sponsorship Program for the Youth Tour (“Program”).
2. The sponsor of the Program (“Sponsor”) is GRICUA.
3. The Program is open to any high school junior that is an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community and is at least 16 years old and not more than 19 years old on June 1, 2019. Students must be enrolled in an accredited high school program and be in good standing. Proof of eligibility shall be provided to the Sponsor on request.
4. GRICUA will pay for the following expenses for each student selected to participate in the Program (“Program Participant”): (1) an economy class round trip plane ticket from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport to the Washington, D.C. area on one of the major airlines serving the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport; (2) local transportation in Washington, D.C.; (3) lodging accommodations in Washington, D.C.; (4) entrance fees to activities sponsored by the Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association (“GCSECA”) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (“NRECA”); and (5) scheduled meals. The Program Participant shall be responsible for all other costs associated with the Program or Youth Tour.
5. Each applicant must submit in person, email or by mail an application consisting of a completed and signed entry form and completed typed essays (“Application”) by 4:00 p.m. local time on November 30, 2018 to the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority, 6636 W. Sundust Rd., Box 5091, Chandler, AZ 85226-4211. The Sponsor will only consider Applications that are complete and submitted by the deadline. The Sponsor must receive mailed Applications in its office by 4:00 p.m. local time on November 30, 2018 to meet the deadline.
- 6. The Sponsor will not accept faxed Applications.**

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7. An applicant who submits false information in his/her Application will be disqualified from participating in the Program.
8. Prior to the start of the Youth Tour, the Sponsor reserves the right to cancel or modify the Program for any reason. If GRICUA cancels the Program, applicants and Program Participants are not entitled to any reimbursement, compensation, or any other payment from GRICUA.
9. A panel of judges will review the essays (“Essay Panel”). In reviewing the essays, the Essay Panel will, among other things, consider the applicant’s ability to follow the directions, punctuation, grammar, neatness, originality, completeness, and overall quality of writing. Any applicant that has committed plagiarism is disqualified from participating in the Program. Based on its evaluation of the essays, the Essay Panel will recommend five applicants to be interviewed by a panel of GRICUA and education professionals (“Interview Panel”).
10. The Interview Panel will interview each applicant recommended by the Essay Panel at GRICUA’S office. The Interview Panel will consider the applicant’s general knowledge, speaking ability, poise, professionalism, community involvement and leadership experience in evaluating the applicant. Applicants that fail to appear for a scheduled interview will be disqualified from participating in the Program.
11. The Sponsor’s final selection of the applicants will be based on the Application and interview.
12. If an applicant selected to participate in the Program cannot attend the Youth Tour for any reason, the Sponsor retains the right to cancel the Program or select an alternate applicant at Sponsor’s sole decision.
13. The Program Participant and/or his/her parent or legal guardian agree:
 - a) To sign a participant agreement obligating the Program Participant to,
 - i) Participate in the Program and Youth Tour,
 - ii) Represent GRICUA on three or more separate occasions during the school year following the Youth Tour,

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- iii) Abide by these Rules and any additional rules of the Sponsor, the GCSECA, and the NRECA,
 - iv) Write articles about his/her experiences, and
 - v) Authorize GRICUA's use of the Program Participant's Application, articles, and any photographs from the Youth Tour for promotional purposes; and;
- b) To sign a release that releases GRICUA and the Gila River Indian Community (the "Parties") from any and all liability, loss or damage of any kind arising out of or in connection with participation in the Program, Youth Tour, or with respect to Program or Youth Tour related activities; and
 - c) That the Parties have neither made, nor are in any manner responsible or liable for, any warranty, representation or guarantee, express or implied in fact or in law, relative to the Program or Youth Tour or to any portion thereof, including, but not limited to, its quality, timeliness, or fitness for a particular purpose.
14. If for any reason GCSECA and/or NRECA cancel the Youth Tour, the Program Participant is not entitled to any reimbursement, compensation, or any other payment from GRICUA.
15. If GRICUA, in GRICUA's sole opinion, does not receive enough applications to hold the Sponsorship Program, then GRICUA may cancel the program prior to selecting participant(s).
16. Selection as a Program Participant is non-transferable. No substitution or cash redemption is allowed.
17. Federal, tribal, state, and/or local taxes, if applicable, are the sole responsibility of the Program Participant.
18. The Program is subject to all applicable Federal, tribal, state, and local laws and regulations. By applying for the Program, applicants agree to be bound by these Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, which are final in all matters relating to this Program. The Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, incorrectly addressed or

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incomplete Applications due to U.S. Postal Service failures or resulting from downloading any material for the Program from the internet or other telecommunications malfunctions which may limit an applicant's ability to participate. The Sponsor may prohibit an applicant from participating in the Program if, in the Sponsor's sole discretion, Sponsor determines that the applicant is attempting to undermine the Program by cheating, deception, plagiarism, or other unfair practices, or by abusing, threatening or harassing any other applicants or Sponsor representatives. The Sponsor may disqualify an applicant or Program Participant from participating in the Program or Youth Tour if the applicant or Program Participant violates these Rules or any rules of GCSECA or NRECA or engages in any conduct that is detrimental or unfair to the Sponsor, the Program, the Youth Tour, or any other applicant or Program Participant.

19. The Program Participant agrees to abide any rules established by the GCSECA and/or NRECA and governing the Youth Tour and/or any additional rules adopted by the Sponsor.

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