



2023  
**CHIEF  
AZUL  
ANTONIO  
AWARDS**

**Scholar**  
APPLICATION DEADLINE  
**APRIL 7, 2023**



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Gila River Indian Community  
Tribal Education Department

# 2023 CHIEF AZUL SCHOLAR

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 2023 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

**For more information or questions please call 520-562-3662 or email [TEDEvents@gric.nsn.us](mailto:TEDEvents@gric.nsn.us)**

## NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

### **Students in grades 4th to 12th:**

A school staff member or administrator, K-12 Advisor or Parent must complete the nomination form and submit on behalf of the student. 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. All supporting application documents indicated on the checklist must be included with the Nomination Form.

### **Undergraduate Students:**

A Professor, Student Advisor, or Parent must complete the nomination form and submit on behalf of the student. 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. 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 2022-2023
- 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 2022-2023
- 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 2022-2023
- 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 and/or Employees.
- The panel will rank the Nominees according to how well they meet or exceed the criteria and select the 3 highest scoring Nominees 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: Chief Azul Scholar Application  
P.O. Box 97 Sacaton, AZ 85147

**By email:** [TEDEvents@gric.nsn.us](mailto:TEDEvents@gric.nsn.us)



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## 2023 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 7, 2023** will not be considered.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by(Name and Title): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee/Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee/Parent Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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 above.  
Any portion left void of information may limit the student's chances of selection.