



2025
**CHIEF
ANTONIO
AZUL
AWARDS**

**SCHOLAR
APPLICATION DEADLINE
April 4, 2025**



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2025 CHIEF AZUL SCHOLAR

Chief Antonio Azul “Mavith Kavdom” (Lion Shield), born in 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 2025 Chief Azul Scholar Award, which recognizes educational achievement, academic excellence, and leadership. This award recognizes individual student scholars and motivates Gila River Indian Students 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
- Full-time Undergraduate College Student
- Meets or exceeds the Selection Criteria

**For more information or questions call 520-562-3662 or
email TEDEvents@gric.nsn.us**

NOMINATION 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 school staff member or administrator, K-12 Advisor 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 the checklist must be 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 GRIC culture
- Documented record of participation in extracurricular activities, volunteer/ community service

SUPPORTING APPLICATION DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

4th-8th Grade:

- ☐ Official Transcript or Grade Report for SY 2024-2025
- ☐ Attendance record with no behavior referrals
- ☐ Documentation of extracurricular activities, community service, awards, or certificates
- ☐ Letter of recommendation

9th-12th Grade:

- ☐ Official Transcript SY 2024-2025
- ☐ Attendance record with no behavior referrals
- ☐ Documentation supporting extracurricular activities, community service, awards, or certificates
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation
- ☐ Personal Essay: *“What impact has education had on you?”* Essay must be typed, double-spaced in 12 point font, 1000 word maximum

Undergraduate:

- ☐ Official Transcript SY 2024-2025
- ☐ Enrollment Verification (Must be current full-time student)
- ☐ Resume or Vitae that outlines students interests, volunteerism, community service, and achievements
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from current or former Professor/Instructor
- ☐ Personal Essay: *“What impact has education had on you?”* Essay must be typed, double-spaced in 12 point font, 1000 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 3 highest scoring 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: 2025 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 have been received, call 520-562-3662

2025 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 4, 2025 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: _____ (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.