

2024 Arizona Native American Right to Vote Youth Design Contest

The Arizona Native American Right to Vote Youth Design Contest aims to acknowledge American Indian history and motivate young Natives in Arizona to participate in civic processes, including voting in local, state, and federal elections. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act, and the 76th Anniversary of the Native right to vote in Arizona, the contest seeks American Indian youth in Arizona between the ages of 18 and 25 years old to submit a design that represents resilience, triumph, and Tribal sovereignty.

The winning design will be used as the official branding for the 2024 Native Right to Vote Anniversary Event on Friday, July 12, 2024, and will be printed on t-shirts, water bottles, stickers, and more!

100th Anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act

On June 2, 1924 the United States passed the Indian Citizenship Act, declaring all Indians born within the U.S. as citizens. The act was proposed by U.S. Representative Homer P. Snyder (R-NY) and signed into law by President Calvin Coolidge. Although American Indians were recognized as citizens, voting in elections were determined by state law, until the Voting Rights Act of 1965, outlawing discriminatory practices against voting.

76th Anniversary of the Native Right to Vote in Arizona

On July 15, 1948, the Arizona Supreme Court recognized the American Indian right to vote in the case of *Harrison v. Laveen*. When Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation members, Harry Austin and Frank Harrison attempted to register to vote, they were denied by the Maricopa County Recorder. Determined to exercise their right to vote, they refused to be deterred and filed a lawsuit against the county and the court decided in their favor. Twenty years prior, Peter Porter and Rudolph Johnson attempted to register to vote and were denied by the Pinal County Recorder's Office. After filing a lawsuit against the county, the state determined that American Indians were persons under guardianship and therefore prohibited to vote. The 1948 decision by Justice Levi Stewart Udall, overturned the state's 1928 decision, marking a victory for American Indian voters in Arizona.

Applicant Criteria:

- Enrolled member of a state or federally-recognized Tribal nation in the United States
- Resident of Arizona
- 18-25 years of age
- Exemplifies interest in civic engagement within the American Indian population

Design Criteria:

- The design should be nonpartisan and should encompass the history of the Native Vote in Arizona by acknowledging the 100th anniversary of the Indian Citizen Act and the 76th anniversary of the Native right to vote in Arizona.

Award:

- The artist of the winning design will receive an Apple iPad Pro and the design will be used on branding and promotional items for the 2024 Native Right to Vote Anniversary Event taking place on Friday, July 12, 2024.

Application & Submission Procedure:

1. Complete and submit the application form.
2. Submit a picture and a brief bio (no more than 5 sentences) in the third person.
3. Submit a copy of your Tribal enrollment card/CIB from a state or federally recognized Tribe.
4. Submit proof of Arizona residency.
5. Submit your design in .png format and include a detailed narrative of the design.

Deadline:

- Applications must be completed and sent to cassie.santoro@itcaonline.com by the deadline of **Friday, May 3, 2024**.
- The winner will be notified no later than May 10, 2024.

For questions, please contact Cassie Santoro, Social Media Manager:
cassie.santoro@itcaonline.com

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I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Preferred pronouns: _____ Tribal affiliation: _____

Mailing address: _____

Street Address or PO Box

Apartment/Unit #

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Applicants must initial and commit to each pledge:

_____ I pledge to encourage my community to participate in local, state, and federal elections.

_____ I pledge to participate in local, state, and federal elections.

_____ I pledge to register to vote in Arizona.

II. AUTHORIZATION & SIGNATURES

I hereby certify that the information provided in this Application Form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could jeopardize the consideration of my application. In addition, I authorize ITCA to (a) use my design for all non-partisan purposes at ITCA's sole discretion; and (b) release my name and publish my photo with any public announcement, social media account, or other nonpartisan voter related publication. I understand that I am not being financially compensated for my design and that this is a voluntary contest. By submitting the Application Form, I am giving ITCA permission to verify information on this form.

Print Name

Signature

Date

All submitted materials become the property of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. and they will not be returned.

Application Checklist: (Incomplete applications will not be considered)

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