



Kokua Award Information

Kokua: to help

The purpose of this award is to recognize those Arizona residents that foster better understanding of and generate direct impact upon both Polynesian peoples and the community at large.

Kokua Awardees have helped the Polynesian community by perpetuating their culture through one or more strings of knowledge that weave together to keep a people's history alive.

Examples include:

- Music
- Song
- Dance
- Arts
- Crafts
- Storytelling
- Language
- Sport
- Knowledge of cultural ceremonies
- Knowledge of history
- Knowledge of myths and legends
- Knowledge of plant uses

Awardees also reach out to the Greater Phoenix and/or Arizona community at large through leadership and service. Service can include one or more of the following areas:

- Education
- Humanitarian efforts
- Volunteerism
- Leadership

It is this unique combination of cultural knowledge applied through leadership and service to the community that defines the Kokua Awardee.

Award Process

Nomination forms should be sent to the Arizona Aloha Festivals, Inc. Board of Directors to the attention of the President, Mr. Varen Berryman. The Board reviews the nominations each December and selects an awardee.

Nominators should provide as much information as possible in the requested areas. Supplemental information in the form of attachments or enclosures is allowed, but selection will be based upon the responses in the specific areas.

Award selection will be completed by the end of December each year. Award is presented at the Arizona Aloha Festival each March.



Kokua Award Nomination Form

Kokua Award Nominee name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

1) Please check all the area(s) in which you feel that the nominee is skilled:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Song | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of history |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of myths and legends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of cultural practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Story telling | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of plant uses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

2) Check the area(s) of service that the nominee has worked in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteerism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humanitarian efforts | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership |

3) Describe how the nominee has used their cultural skills in service to the Pacific Islander community.

4) Describe how the nominee has used their cultural skills in service to the greater Phoenix or Arizona community at large.

5) Please provide any additional information that would assist us in evaluating the nominee.

Attach any (optional) letters, documents, news clippings, pictures or other forms of information that will help provide more information for any of the above questions.

Send completed form to:

**Arizona Aloha Festivals, Inc.
Kokua Award Nomination
P.O Box 24237
Tempe Arizona 85285**

Forms should be postmarked by the last day in November to be considered for the award.