

Seal of Civics Literacy

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Seal of Civics Literacy- Overview

A.R.S. §15-259 establishes the State Seal of Civics Literacy (Program)

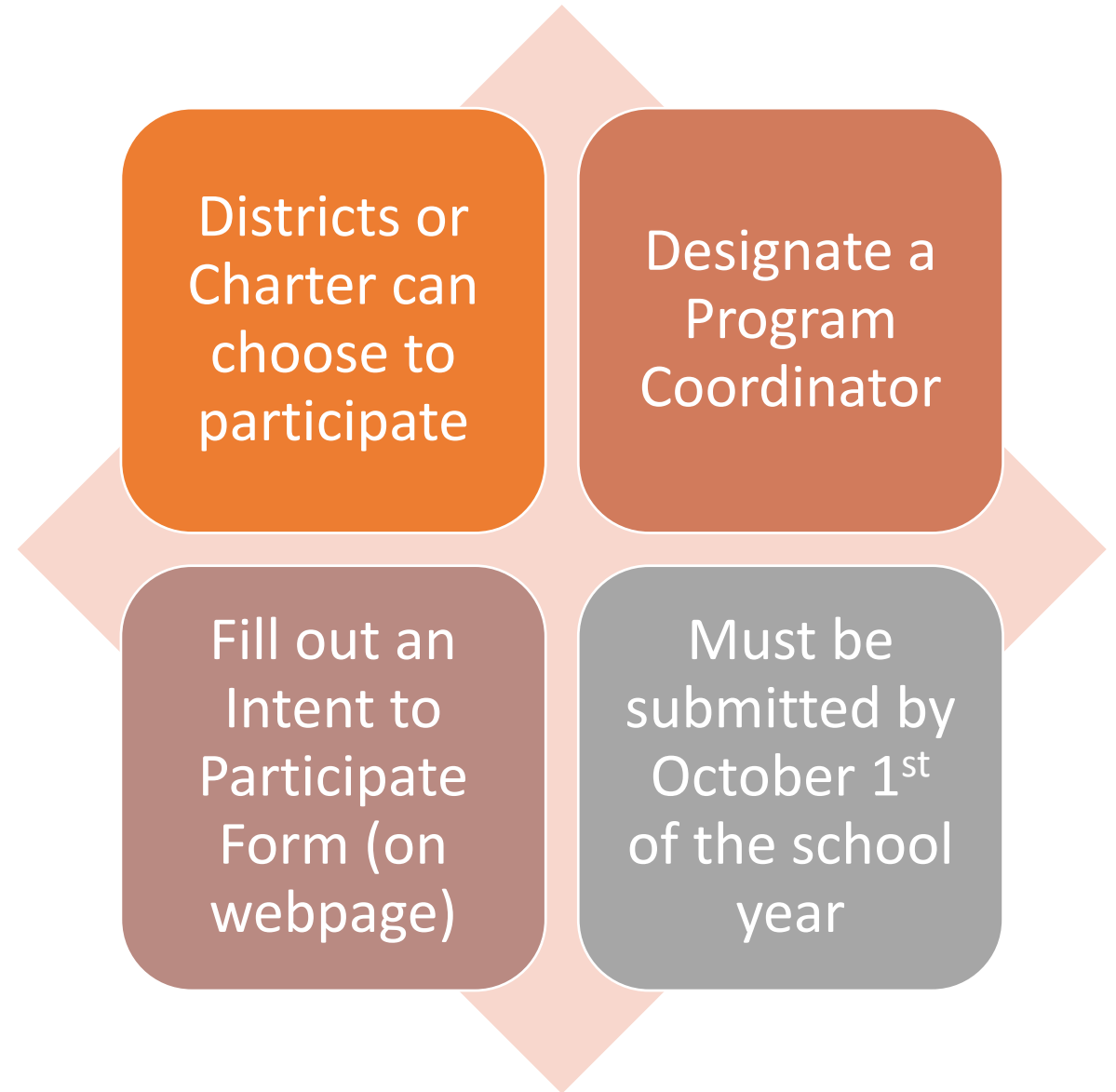
This program recognizes high school students who have attained a high level of proficiency in Civics at the time of graduation

Proficiency determined by completion of a set of State Board of Education Approved Tasks

Seal is placed on diploma and noted on transcript



Getting Started



01

Graduate from a District or Charter School in Arizona

02

Complete requirements during the four years of high school

03

Complete all Social Studies courses with a G.P.A of 3.0 or better out of a 4.0 scale

04

Pass the Arizona Civics Exam

05

Complete portfolio requirements from each of the 4 categories:

- Civic Learning Programs
- Civic Engagement Activities
- Service Learning and/or Community Service
- Written Reflection

Program Eligibility

Category 1- Civic Learning Programs

choose 2 for 2019-2020

choose 3 for 2020-2021 and beyond

Civic Assessment

- Pass A.P Government and Politics exam with a 3 or better

Summer Institutes and Intensives

- See State Board approved list on webpage

JROTC

- Two years minimum

School sponsored extracurricular activities with civics focus

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Summer Institutes and Intensives

Civic Leadership Institute- ASU School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership

Cesar Chavez Leadership Institute- ASU

Other University Based Programs

Senate Youth Program

Boys and Girls State

Junior Statesman

National Student Leadership Conference Programs in Gov. and Law

Close-Up

YMCA Youth and Government Program

School Sponsored Extra-Curricular Activities

- Mock Trial
- Model UN
- Speech and Debate
- Law Day
- National History Day
- We the People
- Project Citizen
- Participatory Budgeting
- Interact, Key Club or any other Service based club
- DemocraSeed
- Teen Court

Category 2: Civic Engagement Activities

Choose 1 for 2019-2020 cohort

Choose 2 for 2020-2021 and
beyond

These activities must be
completed outside the school day

Civic Engagement Activities

- Serving on site council
- Member of a commission or Youth Advisory Board
- Tribal Council
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Attend at least two public meeting
- Volunteering of a political campaign
- Attend a protest, march, or demonstration
- Participation in a voter registration, voter education, or get-out the vote campaign

Category 3: Service Learning or Community Service

Must be for a public agency or charitable organization that serves the public good

Enlistment in United States Military prior to graduation meets requirement.



Required number of Service Hours

Class of 2019-2020- 30 hours

Class of 2020-2021- 45 hours

Class of 2021-2022- 60 hours

Class of 2022-2023 and beyond- 75 hours



Category 4: Written Reflection

- Culminating activity to demonstrate civic knowledge
- LEAs will determine reflection criteria

Procedures for Awarding the Seal

Electronic Copy of Seal sent to Program Coordinator in October

Program Coordinator verifies all requirements met for each student applying for seal

Program Coordinator prints seals

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Reporting form is completed and submitted no later than September 1st

Ideas for School Celebrations (Non ADE Funded)

