



## 2017 Arizona EL Student Success Stories

Did you know that there is an annual award which honors the success of outstanding Arizona English learner (EL) students?

The Arizona Department of Education invites you to nominate a current or former EL student who deserves to be praised and whose story should be shared with others - a student who has made noteworthy accomplishments in English language and academic achievement - as a recipient for this award.

If you know of a student who deserves this honor, please complete and submit the online nomination form. Nominations are due by October 4, 2017.

The winners of the 2017 Arizona EL Student Success Stories award will be honored at a banquet on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, along with the 2017 Arizona EL Teacher of the Year. This banquet will be part of the 2017 OELAS Conference at the JW Marriott Starr Pass in Tucson, Arizona. Award winners will be introduced at the banquet for recognition and to share their success. Teachers, administrators, and family are invited to be in attendance. The students' stories may also be shared on the OELAS website. Students selected as Honorable Mentions for this award will be honored on our website.

Now is the time to begin thinking about the success stories you see in your school's classes! We encourage you to help celebrate our tenth annual Arizona EL Student Success Stories. This event represents a meaningful experience for your student and an excellent opportunity for your district to highlight student accomplishments.

The nomination form is posted at <http://www.azed.gov/oelas/conference/>.

Please email [Candis.Middlebrook@azed.gov](mailto:Candis.Middlebrook@azed.gov) with any questions and to submit nominations.